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**Blue Ridgecrew takes in sights,
gives back to community
during Philippines stop**



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Above: Seaman Christian V. Shields, assigned to USS Blue Ridge, paints a building at the East Tapinac Elementary School on Saturday in Olongapo, Philippines. While in port, the ship's approximately 1,000 sailors, Marines and 7th Fleet staff members took part in recreational activities, participated in community service projects and learned more about the local culture.

Left: Lt. j.g. Brent Zito, right, drinks water from a tree limb Saturday during a demonstration on jungle survival at a wildlife center in Subic Bay, Philippines.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Foot-washing controversy: Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley has decided to wash the feet of both women and men during this year's Holy Thursday foot-washing ritual, a year after angering Catholic women by washing only men's feet.

O'Malley's decision, which came after consulting with the Vatican, drew immediate praise from advocates for a greater role for women in the Catholic Church.

Colorado lodge fire: Authorities are fearing the worst after a search came up empty for three missing children believed to be among the victims of a powerful blast that leveled a secluded mountain lodge and injured dozens.

Fire investigators were expected to return to the Electric Mountain Lodge on Monday. Officials had not determined what triggered the explosion, but said it may have been caused by propane gas used to heat the site.

Sharpton vs. violent music: The Rev. Al Sharpton, who is mounting a campaign against violence in rap music, said he is planning to buy stock in record companies that produce hip hop, then become vocal as a stockholder.

"I don't think too many CEOs want to see me come into his stockholders' meeting to say they're not doing enough to stop the violence," Sharpton told the New York Daily News for Monday editions, though he did not say how much stock he plans to buy or from which company.

Florida girl's death: A convicted sex offender was formally charged Monday with capital murder and other crimes in the abduction and death of a 9-year-old Florida girl.

John Evander Couey, 46, was also charged with burglary, kidnapping and sexual battery on a child under the age of 12, officials said. His arraignment was set for Tuesday, officials said.

Authorities said he confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica Marie Lunsford after taking a lie-detector test in Georgia. The girl's body was found Saturday, more than three weeks after she vanished from her Florida bedroom.

Business

Rising gas prices: Nationwide gas prices soared more than 12 cents during the past two weeks to reach a record high, and an analyst predicted more sticker shock at the pump in the days ahead.



Nepal demonstrations: Riot police detain activists of the Nepali Congress Party during Sunday's anti-King Gyanendra demonstration in Katmandu. Kirtinidhi Bista, vice chairman of the Cabinet, said Monday that Nepal's royal government could soon end a state of emergency imposed after it seized power in the Himalayan kingdom last month, opening the way for a restoration of civil liberties. Bista, the No. 3 official in the royal Cabinet headed by King Gyanendra, refused to specify when the emergency rule would be lifted.

Prices should continue to rise in the next few weeks on strong demand and supply problems caused by the transition to cleaner-burning gasoline mixtures as summer approaches, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations across the country.

World

Schroeder backs Wolfowitz: Chancellor Gerhard Schröder on Monday signaled that Germany will support Paul Wolfowitz's candidacy to head the World Bank, arguing that the world may be "positively surprised" by the U.S. deputy defense secretary's performance.

President Bush last week put forward Wolfowitz — a principal architect of the Iraq war, which Schröder opposed strongly — as his choice to take over from World Bank President James Wolfensohn.

Pope's illness: Pope John Paul II's latest appearance on Sunday stirred tens of thousands of pilgrims, but the frail pontiff's inability to manage a simple greeting to his largest audience in months raised new ques-

tions about his recovery.

John Paul pressed a hand to his face and pounded a lectern in apparent frustration during his Palm Sunday appearance, which lasted less than a minute, at a window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The mute appearance threw fresh doubts on the pope's convalescence after he was hospitalized for two breathing crises in less than a month.

It was yet another signal that the papacy is entering a new phase, with the pope in the background delegating important events to top churchmen.

West Bank negotiations: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reached agreement Monday on handing over control of the West Bank town of Tulikarem to Palestinian security forces, Israeli defense officials said.

The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the two sides would sign an agreement later in the day, and the pullout would begin shortly thereafter.

Tulikarem would be the second of five West Bank towns to be handed over to the Palestinians.

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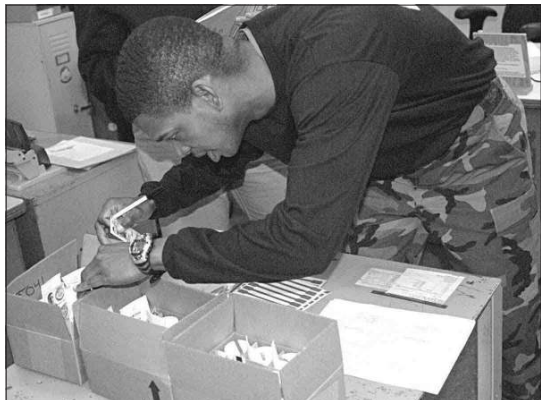


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Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Patrick Butts, master-at-arms and command investigator on the USS Kitty Hawk, looks over containers that will be used to collect urine under the stringent 7th Fleet urinalysis drug testing program. From the moment sailors are randomly selected for testing, the process follows a careful procedure to prevent tampering until Butts receives and seals each sample.

7th Fleet outlaws efforts to manipulate drug tests

BY JULIANA GITTIER
Stars and Stripes

ABOARD THE USS KITTY HAWK — Sailors caught using products to defeat drug urinalysis testing now will face criminal punishments, under an order signed last week by 7th Fleet Commander Vice Adm. Jonathan Greener.

The change comes as the fleet transforms its testing program to withstand the challenge of devices, products and methods sailors have used to defeat the system.

With names like the Whizzinator — a prosthetic urine-containing device used to falsify a urinalysis result — any product or device that can cleanse, flush or dilute one's system of drugs now is considered contraband and is illegal.

Possessing and using such a device can be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The policy is part of sweeping changes to the fleet's drug testing program that followed a series of busts. In the past year, more than 40 sailors were charged with drug use after urinalysis or through investigations.

Rear Adm. James D. Kelly, commander of Carrier Strike Group 5, said those numbers were a staggering wake-up call. He is responsible for about 8,500 7th Fleet sailors and the ships involved in the recent cases.

"We are a little more wily about how we test," Kelly said. "Our sailors all understand the game. Unfortunately it is a game to some of them."

Last year, an investigation of several sailors who tested positive on their urinalysis tests indicated 19 drug users aboard the USS Vincennes. During the investigation, Navy leaders learned that sailors had surprising ways of beating the drug testing system.

"We very clearly got real surprised by our investigation into the circumstances that surrounded the Vincennes bust. Maybe it [was] the tip of the iceberg. It certainly [was] indicative of the way folks can get around the policy."

The Vincennes had been the model of a good drug program, Kelly said. At the time, 40 percent of the ship was tested each month, far exceeding the Navy's requirements.

But by using flushing products, borrowed urine and predictions of when testing would occur, sailors were avoiding getting busted.

The investigation results, Kelly said, demonstrated the extent of the problem.

One sailor in particular later charged with drug use had been tested multiple times and didn't test positive.

"We learned from this guy and I think we learned pretty well," Kelly said.

After the busts on the Vincennes and other ships under Kelly's control, he and other Navy leaders got creative. Testing times and subjects were made more random. Sailors were monitored more closely during the testing process. And, with the new rule on flushing products, attempts to dupe the testing system are now illegal.

"If we happen to search your locker and we find flushing-type stuff, that is illegal," Kelly said.

"When you really get down to it, if our drug testing policy doesn't work, we don't have a lot of better ideas. So we cleaned it up."

"The more that they know that our policy works, that will be a bit more agile, then I think there's more of a feeling, 'OK, I'd better not do this because the odds of me getting caught are going up.'"

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Marines sought for Yokosuka league

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Base residents are looking to form a Marine Corps League Detachment aboard Yokosuka Naval Base.

Any active duty, retired or former Marine or Fleet Marine Force corpsman interested in joining

as a charter member should call Stace Nelson at DSN 243-3969 or e-mail him at SVN1967@yahoo.com.

The Marine Corps League, organized in June 1923, is one of the earliest established veterans organizations.

From staff reports

Military funeral held at Misawa for retired Marine

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Gunny Sgt. Travis Warner gave the eulogy last week for a man he had met only once.

James Leroy Zeman, a retired Marine Corps sergeant major living in Morioka, died March 14, and a memorial service was held at the base chapel two days later.

As one of only two active-duty Marines at Misawa, Warner said it was his and Sgt. Christopher Brouch's obligation to assist with funeral services.

"Marines

take care of

their own,"

Warner said.

Zeman, who

died at the age

of 77 after a long illness, had

expressed his wish to have a

military funeral at Misawa. The

base is the closest U.S. military installation

to Morioka, about 90 miles

south of Misawa.

When a Marine dies, Warner

said, the closest Marine unit is in

charge of rendering the honors

for the military ceremony portion

of the funeral. Several years ago,

Warner, another active-duty Marine

and members of the Retiree

Activities Office at Misawa

helped Zeman arrange a military

funeral and a will, since Zeman

feared that local Japanese authorities

wouldn't understand his re-

quests.

After Warner got the news that

Zeman had died, "we turned to

setting up the ceremony — we did

it all in about a day, trying to find

out what the family's wishes were,"

he said. The retirees office

helped arrange travel for Zeman's

only surviving daughter to

Misawa, arranged the time at the chapel and wrote the memorial service program in concert with the base chaplain and Warner.

The Air Force Honor Guard on base held the flag over the urn during the ceremony and an Army specialist provided music during the service, Warner said.

"It was a no-kidding, Misawa-base team effort," he said.

Zeman retired in 1973 as a decorated combat veteran with 29 years of service, including a tour on Okinawa and two tours of duty in Vietnam. He is survived by his

wife, Fumiko, who is hospitalized in Morioka after suffering a massive stroke about six years ago, and a daughter, Mie, also of Morioka.

About 250 military retirees live in the Tohoku area in northern Japan, including Hokkaido, said Dave Barton, a civilian employee at Misawa and retired Air Force

chief master sergeant. Only three are retired Marines.

Warner, in his eulogy, talked about his visit with Zeman about three years ago.

"The retirees association at the time, told me he was in failing health and that it would do him good to see a couple of Marines," he said. "We dressed up in our dress blues for the visit. Boy, he was just smiling from ear to ear."

We actually caught a part of Marine Corps history and understood that because of Marines like him from his era, we're able to enjoy the stuff we're doing now. It also reinforced that Marines take care of their own."

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Nailing down a good time



YESENIA ROSAS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Raffle winners compete in a nail-driving contest for a prize during the Seabee Ball, held Saturday at the Harbor View Club at Sasebo Naval Base in Japan. The Seabee Ball is an annual event celebrating the birth of the Seabees on March 5, 1942.



Iraqi police gather at the scene Monday after gunmen opened fire on a police vehicle in the Kazimiyah section of Baghdad. Col. Mous'ad Farhan, the head of the Kazimiyah neighborhood police force, escaped unhurt, but his driver was seriously injured.

Attacks by insurgents kill 7 civilians, 3 Iraqi soldiers

BY EDWARD HARRIS

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgent attacks across Iraq on Monday left seven civilians and three Iraqi soldiers dead, a day after U.S. troops killed 26 militants in a clash — the highest, single-incident insurgent death toll reported in four months, the U.S. military said.

In the deadliest attack Monday on civilians, a roadside bomb killed four women and three children in Aziziyah, 35 miles south of Baghdad, police Capt. Fahad al-Muhamadawi said.

An Iraqi soldier was killed in Sherqat, 160 miles north of Baghdad, when a mortar shell landed on his camp, while another soldier died and four others were wounded when an Iraqi army vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade in western Baghdad, a Defense Ministry official said.

In Baghdad's Amiriyah neighborhood, gunmen in two speeding cars fired on an Iraq army foot patrol, killing another soldier and wounding a third, police Capt. Talib Thahir said.

Nearby, the head of the Kazimiyah neighborhood police force, Col. Mous'ad Farhan, escaped unhurt when gunmen opened fire on his car, police said. His driver, however, was seriously injured and hospitalized.

In Samarra, an explo-

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday at least 1,520 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,158 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Friday.

The British military has re-

ported 86 deaths. Italy has reported 21 deaths; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each. Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia have reported one death each.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- A soldier was killed Sunday when an explosive detonated near Kirkuk, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- No identifications reported.

sives-laden pickup truck driven by a suicide bomber went off prematurely near a hospital, wounding about a dozen civilians and damaging homes, police 1st Lt. Qassem Mohammed said.

Police also said the director of the Iraqi army's legal department in northern Kirkuk, Lt. Col. Hawas al-Bayati, was shot and critically injured late Sunday outside his home. Further south, troops killed two suspected terrorists and detained two others after they discovered the men digging holes along the road for hiding homemade bombs.

Late Sunday, an American con-

voy was attacked with gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades, sparking the clash that killed 26 militants.

Six soldiers and seven militants were wounded, and one person was arrested. It was one of the largest battles since the Jan. 30 election. The higher death toll Sunday was attributed to the unusually large number of attackers, who often travel in smaller bands or employ hidden explosives. U.S. military officials said it was the largest number of insurgents killed in a clash since the November assault on the former rebel-held city of Fallujah.

Kennedy's future hinges on Japan's carrier decision

Decommissioning may be delayed if nation bans nuclear-powered ship

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Navy officials plan to decommission the last two conventionally powered aircraft carriers left in the fleet, but they are leaving the door open to bring one back if needed to assuage Japanese political concerns.

Navy Secretary Gordon England's reporters Monday the 38-year-old USS John F. Kennedy will be decommissioned next year but will remain ready to be recalled to active duty if necessary.

"We're going to mothball the Kennedy," England said, but he added, "if you need the Kennedy to go to Japan we can always make the Kennedy available."

Still, he insisted, "the Kennedy is the best carrier to take out because of its physical condition, her limited life."

At issue is Japanese reluctance to host nuclear-powered warships. Nearly 60 years after allied warplanes dropped nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end World War II, the question of anything nuclear remains politically charged in Japan.

That's why the Kennedy's sister ship, the conventionally powered USS Kitty Hawk, is currently homeported in Yokosuka, just south of Tokyo.

The Navy's only forward-based carrier, the Kitty Hawk is tasked with standing by for flare-ups on the Korean peninsula and in the Taiwan Strait, as well as pulling periodic duty in the Persian Gulf. The presence of a permanently based carrier in Japan has long been one of the cornerstones of U.S. security policy in the region.

And basing the carrier somewhere else does not appear to be an option, at least at this point, England said. "As far as I know, nobody has considered not having a carrier in Japan," he said. "We plan to have a carrier in Japan. I believe we want a carrier there, I

believe the Japanese want a carrier there."

But with the Kitty Hawk slated for decommissioning in 2008, it remains unclear exactly which carrier the Navy hopes to put there. Navy officials say that plan hasn't been worked out yet.

The fact remains, however, that with both Kennedy and Kitty Hawk gone, the only options for replacement will have a nuclear reactor.

The Navy would like to put a nuclear-powered carrier in Japan," said Bob Work, once an adviser to former Navy Secretary Richard Danzig and now senior analyst for the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Analysis, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. "If you have an aircraft carrier force by 2008, you've got a much better chance of the Japanese government being able to sell that. But it's all very controversial. Obviously, having a backup in case that falls through makes sense."

Already girding for that debate, 300,000 Japanese recently signed a petition urging the Yokosuka mayor and the central government to block the basing of any nuclear-powered warship in Japan.

Meanwhile, it looks like the Navy will have a fight of its own on its hands to cut the Kennedy from its rolls.

Commissioned in 1968, "Big John" — as the Kennedy is known by its crew — is one of the oldest of the Navy's 12-carrier fleet. Defending the decision to jettison the big deck and downsize to 11 carriers, England told lawmakers last week the Navy would save \$300 million a year in overhaul and maintenance costs.

Already, however, lawmakers in both the House and the Senate are pushing legislation that would block the move by requiring the Navy to maintain 12 operational carriers.

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SEAL's court-martial in alleged prisoner abuse postponed

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Court-martial proceedings were postponed Monday for a Navy SEAL accused of prisoner abuse in a case that implicates the CIA in a gruesome death at Abu Ghraib.

The unnamed SEAL lieutenant is accused of punishing an Iraqi detainee in the arm and allowing his men to abuse the prisoner, who later died during CIA interrogation at the prison in Iraq.

The trial was postponed to give attor-

neys time to resolve several issues, including how they will use classified material and witnesses. A new trial date was expected to be scheduled for May or June.

On the night of Nov. 4, the SEALs burst into Iraqi Mandadel al-Jamadi's apartment outside Baghdad, subdued him after a struggle and whisked him back to their base. En route, the SEALs allegedly kicked and punched al-Jamadi and struck him with their rifles. They also posed for photos with the hooded and handcuffed prisoner.

The SEALs turned al-Jamadi over to the

CIA. A few hours later, he was dead.

The lieutenant, who led a platoon from SEAL Team Seven in Coronado, faces charges of assault, dereliction of duty and committing an unlawful act. He faces a maximum of nearly 12 years in prison, loss of pay and benefits, and dismissal from the Navy.

The Navy is taking extraordinary precautions to protect the identity of its topmost test-busting SEALs, members of an elite force named for Sea, Air, Land. The lieutenant will be referred to only by the first letter of his last name, as will all SEAL personnel

in the courtroom — a step experts on military law say is virtually unprecedented. The SEALs acted as the CIA's vanguard squad on dangerous "capture or kill" missions in Iraq, bursting into homes in the middle of the night and hearing off suspects.

When he died at Abu Ghraib prison, al-Jamadi was suspended by the wrists, which were hauled behind his back — a position that has been condemned by human rights groups as torture, according to investigative files from the Army and the CIA's Office of Inspector General.

IN THE WORLD

Aftershocks rattle Japan

BY SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI
The Associated Press

FUKUOKA, Japan — Thousands of people took refuge at shelters Monday as aftershocks battered southern Japan a day after a powerful magnitude-7.0 earthquake damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes, leaving one person dead and more than 700 injured.

The quake hit early Sunday off Japan's southern main island of Kyushu near Fukuoka city, and was followed by more than 110 aftershocks, giving the region's residents a jittery night, the Meteorological Agency said.

About 120 Japanese troops flew to Genkai island to offer food and medical aid. Except for some local officials, all of the island's 750 residents were evacuated to nearby Fukuoka city, prefectural official Eiji Tsukamoto said.

As of Monday morning, nearly 2,800 people in Fukuoka prefecture had been evacuated to temporary shelters, with more people expected to join them, he said.

"Aftershocks are still continuing rather frequently," Tsukamoto said.

Meteorological Agency official Shinjiro Tani said there was a 10 percent chance of a magnitude-6.5 aftershock hitting the region within the next three days, and warned of possible landslides in the area.

The worst damage occurred on Genkai island, near the quake's epicenter, where the quake trig-



A Japanese servicemember speaks on a cell phone as he stands on a damaged slope on Genkai island, off Fukuoka, on Monday.

gered landslides and leveled homes.

In all, 780 homes were damaged and 18 destroyed — most of them on Genkai, the National Police Agency said.

A 75-year-old woman in Fukuoka died after a section of a stone wall fell on her. Hundreds of other people were injured by toppling cabinets, falling objects and shattered glass. At least 735 people were treated at hospitals, police said.

Police, defense troops and local officials toured Genkai to assess the damage. Many houses had collapsed, or may collapse any

minute," police official Kazuhiko Maekawa said. "I must say we were lucky that the number of injuries was relatively small."

Fukuoka Mayor Hirotaro Yamasaki walked through rows of damaged houses with roofs caving in on Genkai, and said he was considering building temporary housing for people who lost homes. "Looks like we have to rebuild this place from scratch," Yamasaki said. "I'm afraid it'll be a long-term project."

Sunday's tremor didn't directly hit a populated area, and injuries and damage were minimized by Japan's quake-resistant buildings.

Rice hints at sanctions

BEIJING — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice hinted Monday that North Korea faces possible international sanctions if it flouts a diplomatic effort to halt its nuclear weapons program.

Rice also delivered subtle rebukes to China for raising the stakes in the perennial standoff with Taiwan and for the communist country's limitations on religious freedom.

8 admit to terror plot

SANA'A, Yemen — Eight suspected al-Qaida members, including an Iraqi with Swiss nationality, admitted in court Monday to planning attacks on Western embassies here, while six convicted terrorists were sentenced to two years in jail in another case.

The trials were the latest in a series of Yemeni cases involving the terror network of Osama bin Laden, who has ancestral ties to this country, long a haven for Islamic extremists.

The eight suspected al-Qaida members told the court on the opening day of their trial Monday that they had planned to attack the British and Italian embassies and the French Cultural Center in the Yemeni capital.

4 arrested in Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan — Police on Monday arrested four suspected Islamic militants after a bomb they were making exploded in the same region of southwestern Pakistan where a blast killed 46 people at a Shiite shrine over the weekend, an officer said.

One of the four men was slightly injured in the accident

at a residential compound, which also shattered windows at a nearby mosque, said Shahbaz Khan, a local police official.

Khan said he didn't think the four were linked to the earlier bombing but that the facts would be known only after the investigation is complete.

Sub deal may sink

MOSCOW — Russia's navy chief on Monday accused the United States and Britain of blocking an agreement between the world's leading naval powers to prevent underwater collisions and other incidents.

Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov said that for the past two years Russia and France have been discussing a deal on underwater navigation safety similar to an existing one concerning surface forces, but neither Washington nor London has agreed to start talks on the issue, the Interfax news agency reported.

Kyrgyzstans protests

OSHI, Kyrgyzstan — Thousands of protesters, some armed with clubs and Molotov cocktails, seized control of key government buildings and the airport in Kyrgyzstan's second-largest city Monday, prompting security officers and local officials to flee and loosening the government's grip over a swath of this former Soviet republic.

The protests on Monday won the first concession from President Askar Akayev — an order of a probe into allegations of widespread corruption in the rounds of parliamentary elections since Feb. 27.

From The Associated Press

U.N. troops clash with Haitians

The Associated Press

TERRE-ROUGE, Haiti — U.N. peacekeepers, criticized for inaction during their 10 months in Haiti, are taking on soldiers from the disbanded army in clashes that left two peacekeepers and two Haitian fighters dead — and the mission leader says more is to come.

The showdown signals a tougher stance against armed factions in Haiti ahead of full elections and reflects a broader determination to crack down on militias that threaten civilians where U.N. troops are deployed.

Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro, the Brazilian commander of U.N. peacekeepers in Haiti, said, "We would prefer to have a peace dialogue, but if we can't we won't hesitate to act."

The clashes marked the first major confrontation between the U.N. force and former members of Haiti's disbanded army, who helped oust former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in a 1991 coup and again in an armed rebellion a year ago.

A U.S.-led peacekeeping force was deployed after Aristide was forced into exile in February 2004, and this force was replaced by U.N. peacekeepers in June.

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Militants in Philippines threaten Easter attacks

BY TERESA CEROJANO

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Three operatives from the regional terrorist network Jemaah Islamiyah are suspected of plotting with the Abu Sayyaf militant group to launch bomb attacks during the Easter holiday, officials said Monday.

Soldiers and police are boosting patrols of shopping malls, churches and other crowded places this week to thwart reported bombing plots threatened by the Abu Sayyaf as revenge for the deaths of 23 inmates killed by police in a botched jailbreak last week.

Among them were three prominent guerrilla commanders.

"I would not say this is very serious, but this is a real threat," military chief Gen. Efren Abad told reporters.

National Police Chief Arturo Lomibao said four or five Abu Sayyaf members and three suspected Jemaah Islamiyah members were in Manila to carry out bombings.

Lomibao identified the three Jemaah Islamiyah militants as Indonesians Dulmatin, Umar Patek and Umar Yawan.

All three are suspected of involvement in the 2002 bombings on Indonesia's Bali island that killed 202 people.

Lomibao released artists' sketches and pictures of

the suspects, as well as sketches of two Abu Sayyaf suspects — Abu Ubayda and Ibnu Hassan — who reportedly received bombmaking training at a Jemaah Islamiyah-run camp in the southern Philippines.

"We presume they are out to conduct retaliatory attacks here in the country and we are not taking these threats lightly," Lomibao said.

Last month, the Abu Sayyaf claimed responsibility for almost-simultaneous bombings in Manila and two other cities that killed eight and wounded more than 100 people.

The group also was behind the country's worst terrorist attack, a ferry bombing that killed 116 people last year.

Military units in Manila went on the highest state of alert on Monday, Abu said, adding that he ordered air force members and marines to assist police in patrolling shopping malls, churches and train stations.

Armed coast guard sailors took their boats to Manila Bay near the capital, and police with bomb-sniffing dogs searched passengers' luggage.

Sea marshals were deployed on ferries, the most popular means of transport during the holiday season, when hundreds of thousands of Filipinos travel to their home provinces and holiday resorts.

The four-day Easter holiday in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines begins Thursday, but government workers will start leaving offices as early as Wednesday.

Mexican footbridge collapse kills 4



People look at a hanging bridge that collapsed on one side during a religious festival in the town of Tapilula, Mexico, on Sunday. At least four people died and 37 people were injured in the incident.

Pirates free 2 Japanese, 1 Filipino

The Associated Press

SATUN, Thailand — Pirates who held two Japanese and one Filipino captive for a week handed the three sailors over to Thai fishermen on Monday before speeding off into the Andaman Sea, Thai police said Monday.

The three were reported in good health after their ordeal, and were to be sent back home soon. They were abducted when pirates attacked a Japanese-registered tugboat in the busy Malacca Strait shipping lane between Indonesia and Malaysia. The rest of the tugboat's crew later arrived safely in Malaysia.

"I was so frightened when a group of five men approached our ship and opened fire with a machine gun," said the tugboat's Japanese captain, Nobuo Inoue. "I feel good now but still not comfortable."

The tugboat was attacked March 14 off Malaysia's Penang island.

Qatar sponsors anti-terror protest after weekend blast

BY ADNAN MALIK

The Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Waving banners saying "No To Terrorism," more than 1,000 Qatari on Monday protested the weekend's rare suicide bombing in this sleepy Gulf state that killed one Briton and injured a dozen people.

The state-orchestrated rally was held in a desert lot several hundred yards from the Doha Players Theater, which was targeted in Saturday's suicide bombing that Qatar has blamed on an Egyptian computer programmer who had worked here for five years.

About 20 Western expatriates, some wearing blue jeans, were among the Qatari protesters, hundreds of whom wore white flowing robes, waved Qatar's maroon and white national flag and raised placards denouncing terrorism and saying "Western Expats, We Love You." Several Qatari held somber prayers at the protest site.

The attack killed Jonathan Adams, a British teacher who was the director of a local production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," the play that was being performed when the suicide bomber struck.

Qatari media outlets called for people to take part in the "Rally of Indignation" protest in Doha's northern Park Kebab suburb Monday afternoon. Nearby, about 50 heavily armed paratroopers paroled the cordoned-off theater compound devastated by the blast. Foreigners attended the protest despite warnings from Western embassies not to gather in public.

The idea of organizing an anti-terrorism rally is similar to tactics used by other Gulf nations trying to turn public opinion against terrorist acts.

In Saudi Arabia, for example, the government has publicized several cases where families of suicide attackers have condemned their sons. Families have often called the attacks un-Islamic.

Indonesia plans to ban terror group

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia plans to formally outlaw the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Islamiyah, a move that will make it easier for authorities to arrest and prosecute militants in the world's most populous Muslim nation, a top security official said Monday.

Banning the organization — which is listed by the United Nations as a terrorist group — will please the United States and other foreign governments but risks opposition from Muslim groups and political parties that fear it may herald a broader crackdown on Islamic activists.

Asyasad Mbai, who heads the counterterrorism desk at Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry for Political and Security Affairs, said the government intends to outlaw the group, which is blamed for a host of attacks and plots throughout Southeast Asia, including the 2002 Bali nightclub attacks that killed 202 people.

"I am convinced that this will happen because I know President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is very concerned with this problem," he said. "The reason this is not being done immediately is because the political situation is still very sensitive."

Authorities have locked up more than 150 militants in the last three years, but officials balk at publicly identifying them as belonging to Jemaah Islamiyah or being motivated by sympathy with al-Qaida.

Part of the reluctance to ban Jemaah Islamiyah rests on its name, which means "Islamic community." Proponents of an Islamic state in secular Indonesia, who were brutally repressed under former dictator Suharto, fear that such a ban would mean they too will be targeted.

Mbai said that banning the group was essential in the fight against terror.

Jemaah Islamiyah's alleged spiritual leader, Abu Bakar Bashir, was sentenced to 30 months in jail earlier this month for conspiracy in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings.

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IN THE STATES

Schiavo case goes before federal judge

BY VICKIE CHACHERE
The Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Armed with a new law rushed through Congress over the weekend, the parents of Terri Schiavo pleaded with a federal judge Monday to order the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube reinserted.

U.S. District Judge James Wilcoxon said after the two-hour hearing that he would not make an immediate ruling, and he gave no indication on when he might act on the request.

Monday marked Schiavo's third day without the feeding tube.

An attorney for Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, arrived at federal district court in Tampa and filed a request for an emergency injunction to keep their daughter fed.

Earlier Monday, the House, following a move by the Senate, passed a bill to let the parents ask a federal judge to prolong Schiavo's life by reinserting her feeding tube. President Bush signed the measure less than an hour later.

Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, said he was outraged



Bob Schindler, Terri Schiavo's father, foreground, and Terri's sister, Suzanne Vitadamo, appear outside the Woodside Hospice, where Terri is a patient, early Monday in Pinellas Park, Fla.

that lawmakers and the president were intervening in the contentious right-to-life debate. He has fought for years with his wife's

parents over whether she should be permitted to die or be kept alive through the feeding tube.

"This is a sad day for Terri. But

I'll tell you what: It's also a sad day for everyone in this country because the United States government is going to come in and trample all over your personal, family matters," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday.

The lawsuit alleges a series of rights violations, including that Terri Schiavo's religious beliefs were being infringed upon, that the removal of the feeding tube violated her rights and that she was not provided an independent attorney to represent her interests.

Outside the hospice where his daughter entered her fourth day without food or water, Bob Schindler told reporters "I'm numb, I'm just totally numb. This whole thing, it's hard to believe it."

A shout of joy was heard from the crowd outside the hospice when news of the House bill's passage came. Among those cheering was David Bayly, 45, of Toledo, Ohio. "I'm overjoyed to see the vote and see Terri's life extended by whatever amount God gives her."

The 41-year-old woman's feeding tube was removed Friday on a Florida judge's order. Schiavo could linger for one or two weeks if the tube is not reinserted — as has happened twice before.

Terri Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped briefly because of a possible potassium imbalance brought on by an eating disorder. She can breathe on her own, but has relied on the feeding tube to keep her alive.

Court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery. Her husband says she "just doesn't want to be kept alive in that condition, but her parents insist she could recover with treatment."

Bob Schindler visited his daughter late Sunday and said he noticed the effects of dehydration on her. He said she appeared to be getting tired, but eventually responded to his teasing by making a face at him. "It tells us she's still with us," he said.

The Battle for Schiavo

A look at the long legal battle over whether Floridian Terri Schiavo, 41, may be taken off life support.



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Feb. 1990: Schiavo suffers brain damage from heart failure.

Feb. 2000: Circuit Judge George W. Greer rules that Schiavo's feeding tube may be removed, as requested by her husband.

April 2001: The feeding tube is removed. Two days later, Circuit Judge Frank Quessada orders doctors to reinsert it.

June 2003: The 2nd District Court of Appeal upholds Greer's ruling to remove the tube.

Oct. Gov. Jeb Bush files a federal court brief urging that Schiavo be kept alive. He is denied.

Doctors remove the feeding tube.

The state legislature passes a bill, called Terri's Law, allowing Bush to intervene. He orders the feeding tube reinserted.

Sept. 2004: Florida's State Supreme Court rules that Terri's Law is unconstitutional.

Jan. 2005: The U.S. Supreme Court declines to hear the governor's appeal.

Feb. Greer grants an emergency stay blocking the removal of Schiavo's feeding tube. He later sets March 18 as the day the tube may be removed.

Wednesday: House passes legislation to try to block efforts to let Schiavo die.

Thursday: Senate passes separate legislation.

Friday: House committee subpoenas Schiavo and others. Florida judge blocks the subpoenas. U.S. Supreme Court lets that ruling stand. Feeding tube is removed.

Sunday: Senate passes legislation giving federal courts jurisdiction in the case.

Monday: House passes the same bill, sending it to President Bush for his signature.

Sources: AP staff reports LATWP

Reactions of patients in vegetative state may give families false hope

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the family video played over and over on TV, Terri Schiavo seems to gaze fondly at her mother, with the hint of a smile.

On Sunday night, as Congress took up debate on her case, her father told reporters that she responded to his teasing by making a face at him. But in Schiavo's condition, described as a persistent vegetative state, people can be deceived by things like eye movements and reflexes, experts say.

"It creates this iconic combination of wakefulness without awareness," said Dr. James Bernat, a neurology professor at Dartmouth Medical School. That's because in a persistent vegetative state, the brain centers that control wakefulness are functioning, but those that permit awareness of oneself or the environment are damaged or destroyed.

As a result, patients close their eyes to sleep and

open them when they wake up. If a doctor brushes the eyeball with a wisp of cotton, they may blink. That's in contrast to a coma, in which the eyes remain closed and a person is neither aware nor awake, or brain death, in which there is no sign at all that the brain is functioning.

Bernat said that when family members claim that a loved one in a persistent vegetative state is purposefully looking at them, he asks to accompany them to the bedside and see for himself.

Sometimes, in fact, family members really have noticed genuine signs of consciousness and the diagnosis was incorrect, he said. But in his experience, Bernat said, most of the time the family has been wrong.

Video showing Schiavo appearing to interact with her family has been televised nationally. But a court-appointed doctor has said the noises and facial expressions are merely reflexes.

Study: 11 million illegal immigrants now in U.S.

BY GENARO C. ARMAS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's undocumented immigrant population has grown to 10.5 million last year, spurred largely since 2000 by the arrivals of unauthorized Mexicans in the United States, a report being released Monday says.

The population of undocumented residents in the United States increased 23 percent from 8.4 million in the four-year period ending last March, according to the analysis of government data by the Pew Hispanic Center, a private research group.

That equates to a net increase of roughly 485,000 per year between 2000 and 2004. The estimate was derived by subtracting the number of unauthorized immigrants who leave the United States, die or acquire legal status from the number of new undocumented immigrants who arrive each year.

The prospect of better job opportunities in the United States than in their native countries remains a powerful lure for many immigrants, said Pew center director Roberto Suro, pointing to a reason often cited by other researchers.

"The border has been the focus of federal efforts (to cut illegal entry) and has not produced a reduction in flow. Certainly that's an indication of ongoing demand," he said.

The population is growing at a similar pace as in the late 1990s even though the U.S. economy today isn't as robust, Suro said.

Assuming the flow of undocumented immigrants into the country hasn't abated since March 2004, the population is likely near 11 million now.

Mexicans by far remain the largest group of undocumented migrants at 5.9 million, or about 57 percent of the March 2004 estimate. Some 2.5 million others, or 24 percent, are from other Latin American countries.

Overall, the U.S. foreign-born population, regardless of legal status, was 35.7 million last year. Those of Mexican descent again comprised the largest group — more than 11 million, or 32 percent.

Controlling the flow of immigrants over the porous U.S.-Mexico border will be a central topic of discussion when Mexican President Vicente Fox meets with President George W. Bush in Texas on Wednesday.

Officials probe death of restrained passenger

NEW YORK — Prosecutors are investigating the death of a man who was subdued by several fellow airline passengers after he became disruptive on a New York-bound flight, a spokesman said Sunday.

William Lee was pronounced dead late Friday after he was removed from the American Airlines flight at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Lee, 48, of Toledo, stood up in his seat on American's Flight 4 from Los Angeles and "loudly demanded another beer," airline spokesman Tim Smith said.

Flight attendants asked him to wait until they reached his row, Smith said, but the man "got very, very belligerent and loud and disruptive and was told he would not be served any more alcohol."

Seven male passengers restrained Lee, who was a very large man, and they and the flight crew put flexible handcuffs on him and put him back in his seat, Smith said.

Time Warner settles fraud charges

NEW YORK — Time Warner Inc., the world's largest media company, is paying \$300 million to settle fraud charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission for overstating online advertising revenues and the number of its Internet subscribers.

As part of the agreement announced Monday, Time Warner has restated its financial results to reduce the amount of online advertising revenues it reported by about \$500 million from the fourth quarter of 2000 through 2002, the SEC said.

From The Associated Press

Supreme Court declines Moussaoui appeal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court — which saw the return of Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who was diagnosed with thyroid cancer last October — declined Monday to hear terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui's appeal of a ruling upholding the Bush administration's power to bar certain witnesses sought by the only person charged in the United States in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Justices let stand a lower court ruling that allowed the govern-

ment to pursue the death penalty while restricting Moussaoui's direct access to three al-Qaida terror captives. The lower court, citing national security concerns, said Moussaoui could use government-prepared summaries from the captives but not interview them himself. The Supreme Court action shifts the case back to a trial court, where U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema in Alexandria, Va., must oversee the crafting of summaries and other classified information.

That could begin as early as September.



Moussaoui

make financial disclosures that later turn out to be wrong. Justices let stand a lower court ruling that allowed investors to proceed with their lawsuit against Baxter

In other cases

■ The Supreme Court declined to clarify how much federal law shields companies from lawsuits

International Inc. The Chicago-based 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Baxter may not have disclosed enough about potential risks when it predicted repeatedly — wrongly as it turned out — good revenue growth in 2002.

■ The Supreme Court declined to reinstate a lawsuit by the parents and husband of a murdered Colorado woman who claim authorities bungled the investigation. Without comment, justices let stand a lower court ruling that also rebuffed attempts by the parents and husband of Buffy Rice

Donohue to question journalists who covered the investigation.

■ The Supreme Court, dodging a charged dispute over judicial nominations, declined to consider whether President Bush overstepped his bounds in naming a federal judge while Congress was on a short break. The Court refused to hear a trio of cases challenging the "recess appointment" of William Pryor to the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year. The appeals argued that Pryor's temporary appointment was an end-run around the Senate's right to confirm or reject judicial nominees.

Miners flock to 'golden' mountains

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER

The Associated Press

BURNT RIVER CANYON, Ore. — As the icy waters of Clark Creek swirl in his gold pan, Ken Anderson expertly reduces the contents, first to small pebbles, then smaller ones, then to a little sand.

"There's still too much there," he said. "When we get it down to a couple of tablespoons, we'll look." A few more expert swirls and dips isolate a film of black sand in the bottom, and with a gaze born of 55 years' experience he spots it. It's no bigger than a pinpoint, but it's "colors" — gold.

"They say when you see gold you'll know it, no matter how small it is," said Anderson, 78, a retired mining engineer.

Mining can be a pricey, risky proposition. "Maybe one prospect in 10 will turn out to be something, and most of those won't turn out to be much," Anderson said.

Though it isn't a gold rush yet, Greg Visconti, area mining geologist for three national forests in northeastern Oregon, said, "In the past year mining claims have just about doubled."

There are probably 4,000 claims in the area, about 250 of them active, he said, noting that interest rises as the price hits \$400 and stays there. "A lot of people are just eyeing mining. Some are trying to make a living at it," he said.

While most new ventures are small, Denver-based Newmont Mining Corp., the world's largest,

is building a \$200 million project near Battle Mountain, Nev.

But the go-it-alone flavor of the Old West hasn't vanished entirely. Jimmy Juhola works alone and figures he has worked Clark Creek in Eastern Oregon's Burnt River Canyon for 19 years.

He doesn't have a claim. He uses other peoples'. And they watch where he digs, Anderson said. Juhola can read the ground like a map.

"Now this up here," he said through a hand-rolled cigarette, "this should pay about \$7 (per cubic yard). This here below won't pay you nothing." But this down here, this is good, this could be \$40 dirt."

Juhola knocks some loose with a pick. "I got three colors," he announces, peering into the pan.



Gold miner Jimmy Juhola swirls his pan to reduce the contents at Clark Creek in Burnt River Canyon, Ore.

Japanese sub from WWII found near Hawaii

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The wreckage of a large World War II-era Japanese submarine has been found by researchers in waters off Hawaii.

A research team from the University of Hawaii discovered the I-401 submarine Thursday during test dives off Oahu.

"We thought it was rocks at first, it was so huge," said Terry Krey, pilot of the research craft that found the vessel. "But the sides of it kept going up and up and up, three and four stories tall. It's a leviathan down there, a monster."

The submarine is from the I-400 Sensuikan Toki class of subs, the largest built before the nuclear ballistic missile submarines of the 1960s.

They were 400 feet long and nearly 40 feet high and could carry a crew of 144. The submarines were designed to carry three "fold-up" bombers that could be assembled for flight within minutes.

Kerby said the main hull is sitting upright and is in good shape. The I-401 numbers are clearly visible on the sides, and the aircraft guns are in almost perfect condition, he said.

An I-400 and an I-401 were captured at sea a week after the Japanese surrendered in 1945. Their mission — which was never completed — reportedly was to use the aircraft to drop rats and insects infected with bubonic plague, cholera, typhus and other diseases on U.S. cities.

Both submarines were ordered to sail to Pearl Harbor and were deliberately sunk later, partly because Russian scientists were demanding access to them.

The submarine found Thursday is the second Japanese vessel discovered off Oahu by the Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory. In 2002, researchers found the wreckage of a much smaller Japanese sub that was sunk on Dec. 7, 1941, off Pearl Harbor.



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Hear that reel yell?

As Billy Idol approaches his 50th birthday, he says he's back for more, more, more

BY JIM FARBER
New York Daily News

He may be staring down the barrel of his 50th birthday, but that hasn't put a crimp in Billy Idol's ability to leer.

Ask the famously randy star about his gig at the high-profile South by Southwest festival, which took place Wednesday, and he says, with a snicker, "I'll be playing onstage with those lovely girls the Donnas, so they're fair game."

Allude to his new single, "Scream," which is about, er, oral pleasures, and Idol says, "Well, 'My Ding-A-Ling' was Chuck Berry's biggest record. So it seemed like a good idea."

In fact, Idol will need a lot of good ideas to rebrand himself as a relevant pop star. Twelve long years have passed since he last put out an album of original material — an epic wander in the desert that finally ends later this month with the release of "Devil's Playground."

In the intervening time, Idol got on and off crack, overdosed, experienced a life-threatening motorcycle accident, suffered the end of a second long-term relationship, and had a major album project shipped halfway through.

"I was going into a dark place,"

he says. "I was burned out after 20 years of balls-to-the-walls, blazing, we-don't-give-a-damn, live-for-now [attitude]. I was losing youthful energy."

(He also was turning into a cartoon. With his seemingly permanent sneer and endless fist-pumps plastered all over MTV, Idol started to seem as contrived as his name. When grunge came in, he got lumped in with the hair bands as a sexist anachronism.)

Idol says things had been going south for a long time due to drugs and overwork. Even during his commercial peak, in 1987, he says, "I can remember staying up for three weeks doing crack. I'd think) people were filming me and I was hearing people in the next apartment talking about me."

Watching an MTV interview in 1990, Idol recalls that he thought to himself, "It seems like I'm dead already."

His sales began to slump with 1993's "Cyberpunk." The next year Idol had his OD. His record company, EMI, still wanted him to make a record. But the label and the star had very different ideas of what it should sound like. The singer says they wanted "Billy Idol lite."

Yet Idol says that the project's collapse encouraged his personal rebirth. "He wound up changing more time at home, becoming a real father for the first time to his son, now 16."

"Instead of the ivory tower of being in a band, I was actually out there on the baseball diamond (with my son)," he says. "I sang



Billy Idol performed Wednesday at the 2005 South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas.

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'Dr. J' rejects role

Basketball Hall of Famer Julius 'Dr. J' Erving has turned down an offer to join the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees

after initially calling his appointment a "blessing." Erving, who played for UMass-Amherst and the Philadelphia 76ers, did not attend any board meetings or take the oath of office as required within 90 days of his five-year appointment.

Gov. Mitt Romney appointed him to the board in October and planned to reappoint him. But last week Erving told the governor's office he was not interested in the job.

A spokeswoman for Erving, who lives in Longwood, Fla., said he was not available for comment.



Erving

American Idol sued

Ruben Studdard's former manager is seeking \$500,000 in damages from the "American Idol" winner for allegedly failing to pay his management fees and not reimbursing him for expenses.

Ron Edwards' court filing on Friday in Birmingham, Ala., is a counterclaim to the lawsuit Studdard filed in February.

Studdard's suit claims Edwards, 46, and his Birmingham marketing and advertising firm, Sez Inc., misused \$246,000 in the year that he worked for Studdard. The suit also accuses Edwards of making unauthorized expenses after he was fired.

Monkeying around

Peter Jackson was one of those monkeying around during a party for the film crew remaking the classic movie "King Kong."

The remake of the 1933 classic by New Zealander James Cameron, who directed the fantasy trilogy "Lord of the Rings," was likely to go into post-production in a couple of weeks, publicist Melissa Booth said.

Monday. The weekend crew party on a back lot set built to replicate 1930s New York "was essentially our wrap party," she told The Associated Press.

Filming of the \$145 million remake, funded by Universal Pictures, began Sept. 6. The movie is due for release in December.

The cast includes Australian actor Naomi Watts, who plays damsel in distress Ann Darrow; Oscar winner Adrien Brody, the movie's romantic hero Jack Driscoll; and offbeat comedy actor Jack Black, who plays raconteur and filmmaker Carl Denham.

From The Associated Press

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British pound	\$1.96
Japanese yen (March 21)	\$0.008
South Korean won (March 19)	\$0.0008
Commercial rates	
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British pound	\$1.916
Canadian dollar	\$0.69
Denmark (Krone)	\$3.2
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.331/100
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$7.984
Hungary (Forint)	\$3.16
Iceland (Krona)	\$7.22
Israel (Sheqel)	\$4.36
Japan (Yen)	\$0.008
Kuwait (Dinar)	\$3.767
Norway (Krone)	\$5.81
Philippines (Peso)	\$4.20
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	\$3.58
Singapore (Dollar)	\$1.331
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Switzerland (Franc)	\$1.331
Thailand (Baht)	\$3.52
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Money tip of the day

Don't network — talk

The Associated Press

The business world is rife with jargon and buzzwords, with "networking" one of the most popular. Still, this much-practiced, little-understood ritual of career advancement and business promotion drives many people bonkers — it's stilted, degrading, obnoxious, obsequious, insincere, at, right? Not necessarily, says Marc Karasus, a career counselor and vice president at Yahoo! HotJobs, the job search site associated with Internet portal Yahoo! Inc.

Consider networking akin to casual small talk at a social gathering, where you're doing it with ease, among acquaintances, thoughtfully and with commerce a million miles from your mind.

the national anthem for his Little League team. Having to take him to school, having that responsibility, made me deal with real life," he says.

He now feels it was beneficial to his music that his late-'90s record was shelved. "The worst thing would have been to chase fashion, to make a grunge record or some pop thing to fit in," he

says.

Instead, Idol began rebuilding his career with the help of the music that had made him big to begin with. EMI issued a "Greatest Hits" package in 2000, expecting it to sell around 100,000 copies.

But it's sold more than 940,000 so far, according to SoundScan.

Meanwhile, Idol reunited with his main guitarist, Steve Stevens, and began touring again, with mounting success.

Noting the popularity of the hits album, VH1 aired Idol a "Storytellers" episode, further upping his profile.

Yet all those efforts still milked nostalgia. They didn't argue for a new Idol. It wasn't until a 2003 concert at Hammerstein Ballroom that Sanctuary Records approached Idol about making new music in his older style. That led to a three-album pact.

An '80s revival has since kicked into high gear. Motley Crue recently reunited for a sold-out arena tour, and Velvet Revolver brought the musicians from Guns N' Roses back to the top of the charts. "Watching Slash (come back) gave me hope," Idol says of the Velvet guitarist. "It made me think, 'There's life after death.'"

Yet a veteran performer seeking a return to the limelight, Idol knows he still has "a lot to prove. Now, I'm following up my own greatest hits," he says.

At least this onetime punk has discovered that 50 isn't fatal.

"It's not all over yet," he asserts. "Too so long as they've got Viagra."

WEDNESDAY EVENING / MARCH 23, 2005

MOVIES

• **SPORTS**

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P #E5PNews Pacific Report		That '70s Show Suburban Guy Smooshs Donna, (CC)	Arrested Develop- ment 'Til Tim Eal Cake' George St. escapes, (CC)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Wadeless Family! A widow's home is re- modeled to accommodate her children. (CC)		TOD: Whatever the Case May Be? A news anchor's broadcast might con- tain insights into Kate's past! (C)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)		
7	AFN-ATL (S-46) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(3S) Guiding Light (CC)		(F-T) General Hospi- tal (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Here Comes Peter Cottontail		
8	NEWS The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Nightline (CC)	Nightly Business Report	Fox and Friends First		American Morning					
9	SPTS To Be Announced		#SportsCenter	To Be Announced	To Be Announced				#SportsCenter			
10	SPEC The Simpsons The Old Man and the Key (CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond Robert the Key (CC)	American Idol (CC)		America's Next Top Model Models must maintain their composure during a slippery shoot. (CC)		National Geographic Explorer (CC)	Friends Phoebe and Mike parent baby rats. (CC)	Seinfeld George is ready to move in.	The Daily Show with Jon Stewart	Blind Date (CC)	
AFIN-AM	Fairly OddParents	Rugrats (CC)	Even Stevens	Kenan & Kel	Gilmore Girls (CC)	Degrassi: Teen	Degrassi: Teen	The Cosby Show	Home Improvement	Touched by an Angel (CC)		
AFIN-MV	Attractions	Ent. Tonight	**Down to Earth (2001) Chris Rock		Regina King	(4+2) ***Donnie Braccato (1997) Drama At Paicno, Johnny Depp, Michael Madsen.				"Thromboman From the Train"		
14	TMC *** The Quick and the Dead (1995). Western: Sharon Stone, Gene Hack- man, Russell Crowe. A female gunslinger enters a deadly quick-draw competition.		The Newshour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Aniques Road- show FYI Bruce Springsteen & Joni Mitchell. (CC)	American Masters "Jon Mitchell: Woman of Heart and Mind": Profile of Canadian singer-songwriter Jon Mitchell. (CC)	Degrassi: Teen	Antiques Roadshow/Oklahoma City An elephant takes flight through the Astor- Lenox-Tilden Center. (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)			
24	PBS Dragon Tales (CC) (DVS) Twisted (EL) (CC)		The L Word "Loveless Number" Jenny moves in with Shane. (CC)	American Justice "The Susan Smith Story: A Mother's Confession" Mom jails her own children. (CC)	American Justice "Stacy's Story" A woman kills her father. (CC)	Biography "Bruce Willis' Bruce Willis, (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan Bombs Away! Jordan probes the death of an alleged Un- dubster-spy. (CC)	To Be Announced			
25	SHOW (S:00) *** "The School of Rock" City Confidential. An unemployed gait coach poses as a teacher. PG-13		The L Word "Loveless Number" Jenny moves in with Shane. (CC)	American Justice "The Susan Smith Story: A Mother's Confession" Mom jails her own children. (CC)	American Justice "Stacy's Story" A woman kills her father. (CC)	Biography "Bruce Willis' Bruce Willis, (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan Bombs Away! Jordan probes the death of an alleged Un- dubster-spy. (CC)	To Be Announced			
27	A&E City Confidential. The mayor of high- school, Texas, is charged with murder. (CC)		To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced			
28	DISC To Be Announced		To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced			
29	CNN (S:15) TV Patrol World	Yes, Yes Show		(S:15) Insider	Special Assignment	Kumikuting Kabay Ayan	Wowowee			(15) Home boy		
30	TFC-N Lod Dobbs Tonight	CNN Daybreak				American Morning (CC)						
31	GOLF #PGA Golf: Safe- way International	Workshop	*Golf Central	*Golf Channel America	*Golf With Style	*Golf Academy Live	*Golf Academy Live Golf instructor Debbie Dongrigg	*Golf Central	*Golf Channel	*Golf With Style		
32	TLC In a fix "Fit for a Family of Four" In a busy city raised from hell flooring (N)	While You Were Out The Drop Zone" (N)	New Orleans: The Master of the Universe	Justice League Back to Back	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon Cartoon shorts.		Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	In a Fix "Vase Oss" Jeff is up with what's really predestinating and bizarre. (CC)	Mucha Lucha 2001 R	
34	TOON Powerpuff Girls	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	Justice League Back to Back	Teen Titans	Cartoon Cartoon Cartoon shorts.	Samurai Jack	He-Man and the Masters of the Universe	In a Fix "Vase Oss" Jeff is up with what's really predestinating and bizarre. (CC)	Mucha Lucha 2001 R	
35	ANPL The Jeff Conner Experience "Symphony for the Devil" The bizarre wildlife of Hawaii. (CC)		American Copas San Francisco An officer is called to contain a dangerous pit animal. (CC)	Animal Face-off "Gonilla vs. Leopard" The gorilla possesses extreme physical strength. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	South Park Mr. Garmon's sex advice. (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	The Most Extreme Bullfighters! High-stakes bull program by Master's Nature's top 10 animal architects. (CC)	
36	COM Crunk Yanks Cook Nook Kevin Kane. (CC)	South Park Uni- dams! student in denial. (CC)	South Park Mr. Garmon's sex advice. (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	South Park Mr. Garmon's sex advice. (CC)	Chappelle's Show James Fox. (CC)	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	The Daily Show With Jon Stewart	Drawn Together Kendall must make a decision. (CC)	Kid Notorious Evans pursues a porno film. (CC)
40	NG-C Dangerous Gals What Photographer?		Sneak Wranglers Venomous sea serpent	Cool Chronicles Lizard Kings	Dogs With Hugs Secret Service dog rescued	Insects From Hell "A Bug Day" hardcore		National Geographic Last Feast of the Crocodiles" (CC)	Kung Fu Dragons of Wudang			
42	SPIKE ***RoboCop 2" (1990, Science Fiction) Must destroy a dangerous cyborg.	Peter Weiler, Nancy Allen, Daniel O'Herry, The futuristic gothic cop returns to de-										
43	FOX That '70s Show Homecoming cousin visits.	That '70s Show Laura's professor's cousin visits.	The Simpsons Somebody gets the Naval Reserve.	Hunting Bitch heaving gold	That '70s Show Koko learns he is at an art museum.	That '70s Show Betty gets her self- improvement.	American Idol Contestants are eliminated. (CC)	The Simple Life: Interns attend at daycare center.	News	The Simpsons The Cartridge Family (CC)	Seinfeld TV pilot gets the green light.	
44	BET Girls "Inherit the Earth"		Cubic Comic View		BET Nightly News	106 & Park BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown"		Cubic Comic View		BET Late		
46	COURT NYPD Blue "Better Lad Than Never" Clark and Spivack investigate a pe- ripheral in the case of a missing boy.	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show" (CC)	Cops Seattle deputies arrest sus- pect. (CC)	Friends (CC)	American Idol (CC)	Forensic Files (N)	Psychic Detectives Psychic aids search.	Masterminds The retired \$13 million.	North Mission Road	Caught	Masterminds The Kansas City Da- mon Hunt!
48	STR-WLD "I Know What You Did" (1998, Drama) Rosa Argento, Steven Eckholdt, Lawrence Monro. A lawyer kills the assassin who tried to rape her. (CC)		Clubs Comic View	Cops Seattle deputies arrest sus- pect. (CC)	Friends (CC)	American Idol (CC)	Forensic Files (N)	Psychic Detectives Psychic aids search.	Masterminds The retired \$13 million.	North Mission Road	Caught	Masterminds The Kansas City Da- mon Hunt!
50	LIFE (S:00) *** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) Comedy/Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern. Kevin conquers his way back home while he's alone in New York when he boards the wrong plane.											
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53	HIST Modern Marvels "Commercial Fishing" Offshore community, factory trawler fish farms. (CC)	Modern Marvels "The preservation of the living form. (N) (CC)										
57	STR-MV (S:30) *** "Slims of Beverly Hills" The Slims of Beverly Hills, Alan Arkin, Marisa Tomei.	(S:55) *** "The Mummy" (1999, Horror) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Malkovich. Exoticist explores empire wrapped up with an ancient mummy.										
58	ADV 1 A Different Ball Game	Game for it Game	Total Adventure "Caving Uzbek- istan"	Adventure Challenge A paraging school in Nepal where reptiles account my humans as they. (CC)	Shoot the Creature Nurse Massi Mara and white about.		Chasing Time "Shuck and white about."	Game for it	#Football Fever	A Different Ball Game	News Were Old- fashioned cut for next hour.	Total Adventure "Climbing Head- land"
59	MTV Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica (N)	The Ashlee Simp- son Show (N)	Making the Band 3		MTV News Now They Wanted a Pa- rent Movie	They Wanted a Pa- rent Movie	Punk'd	Punk'd Mike Shno- sland	Room Raiders	Wanna Come In?
60	NICK Full House Step, Michelle Visage kisses her best friend. (CC)	Full House Michelle kisses her best friend. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (N)	Roseanne "Ther- e's a Roseanne ap- pear in TV com- mercial. (CC)	Roseanne "Ther- e's a Roseanne ap- pear in TV com- mercial. (CC)	Roseanne "Lise- anne's takes ad- vice from Dan and Roseanne	Roseanne "Deliv- erance" Crystal gossips

JAPAN TV

Morning
10:25 Korean Drama: Lovers in Paris (4)
Afternoon
12:30 Nash Bridges (12)(R)
1:30 U.S. Movie (1985): Kane & Abel (2)(0)(1)
3:55 Japan Pro Ball: Exhibition Game - Yokohama BayStars vs. Yomiuri Giants (6)
4:00 Japan Senior High School Volleyball Tournament (8)
4:05 Grand Sumo: The 11th Day (1)
5:50 News (6)
Evening
7:00 News (1)
7:25 8 Simple Rules ... (3)
10:00 News (1)
10:00 America's Top 40 (42)
12:15 Grand Sumo Dohest (1)(R)
2:29 British-Irlandian-German-Macedonian Movie (2011)-Dust (2)(1)(4)
3:10 Classical Music (1)
3:19 TV Series: Bull (6)
4:00 Grand Sumo Dohest (1)(R)

JAPAN TV-B57

Morning
6:15 World News
7:15 World News
8:15 World News
9:15 World News Hour
10:10 BS Documentary: Madrid Train Bombing (r)
11:15 CNN News

Afternoon
12:15 ABC News
2:15 PBS NewsHour
3:15 CNN News
4:15 World News
5:15 Asian News

Evening
6:15 CNN News
9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS Documentary: Genetically Modified Food
11:15 NBA: Miami Heat vs. Houston Rockets
12:05 Winter X-Games 55(r)

1:35 Grand Sumo Tournament
2:15 Asian News
3:35 World Amazing Sports
4:15 Asian News
5:15 World News Hour

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Morning
7:30 Oswald No. 52
8:00 U.S. Movie (1952): *Limelight* (2:15)
10:45 French-Belgium-Luxembourg Movie
(1998): *Kirikou Et La Sorciere* (1:15)

Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*
1:00 French-Canadian Movie (2003): *Les Invasions Barbares* (1:45)
5:30 Oswald No. 52

Evening
6:00 U.S. Movie (1947): *Monsieur Verdoux* (2:00)
8:30 French Movie (2003): *Tais-Toi* (1:30)
10:40 U.S. Movie (2002): *Laurel Canyon* (1:45)

5:10 U.S. Movie (1962): Lonely Are the Brave
(1:50)

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning
9:50 Aerobics
10:00 Classical Music: Angelika Kirchschiager
11:15 Wonderful Nature
Afternoon
1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 11th Day (bilingual after 4 p.m.)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
10:05 TV Series: Alias 2 (end)

10. **CONCLUSIONS**

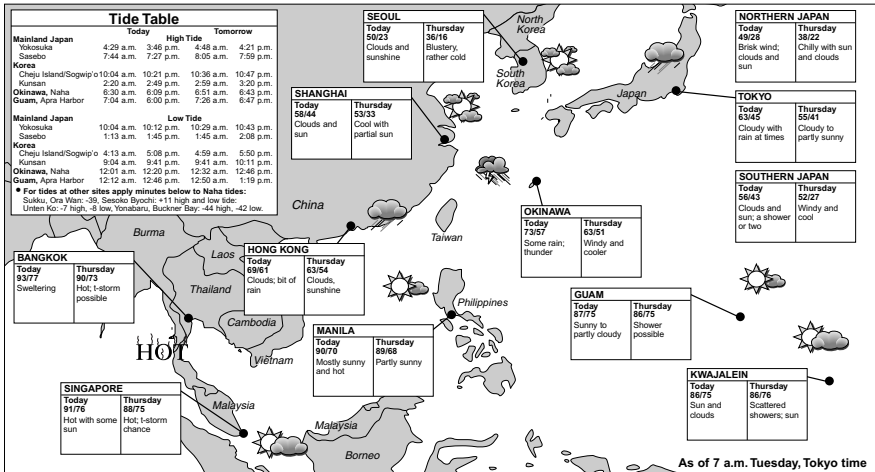
Morning
6:00 Wake Up!
7:00 M Size Tuesday

8:00 Top Choice
10:00 Pure Music
11:00 Top Choice
Afternoon
12:00 YATAI
1:00 Pimp My Ride
1:30 Top Choice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice

Evening
 6:00 M Size Wednesday
 7:00 Movie: The Neighbor No. Thirteen
 7:30 Screen MTV Selection: The Neighbor No. Thirteen
 8:00 Top Choice
 10:00 Making the Video: Snoop Dogg
 10:30 Check the Rhyme
 11:00 Faking the Video
 11:30 Pure Music
 12:00 Rocks
 1:00 M Size Wednesday
 2:00 Rock On
 2:30 Classic
 3:00 Fresh
 3:30 After Hours

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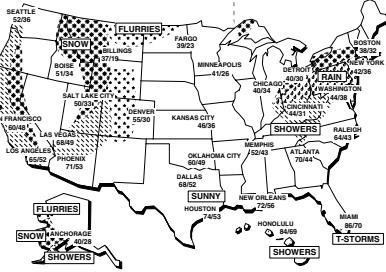
Extended Forecasts

TOKYO Friday: Partly sunny, high 45, low 34. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 50, low 44.	KADENA Friday: Mostly sunny, high 61, low 54. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 67, low 62.	SEOUL Friday: Partly sunny, high 40, low 31. Saturday: Partly sunny, high 52, low 32.	MANILA Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 66. Saturday: Mostly cloudy, high 87, low 70.	HAGATNA Friday: Mostly cloudy, high 86, low 76. Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 76.
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Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	56/34	Los Angeles	68/54
Amarillo	55/36	Little Rock	64/54
Anchorage	32/18	Louisville	56/37
Ashville	62/38	Miami	82/72
Baltimore	54/31	Milwaukee	37/29
Birmingham	65/55	Nashville	65/46
Bismarck	40/25	New York	46/34
Boise	53/38	Omaha	51/31
Boston	42/32	Orlando	78/64
Brownsville	85/62	Philadelphia	50/34
Buffalo	38/26	Phoenix	74/55
Burlington	42/24	Pittsburgh	40/28
Charleston, SC	71/53	Portland, OR	53/38
Charlotte	64/42	Portland, ME	42/26
Chicago	39/27	Salt Lake City	50/33
Columbus, OH	44/28	St. Louis	60/40
Duluth	37/20	San Antonio	80/50
El Paso	69/42	San Diego	68/56
Hartford	43/26	San Juan	87/74
Helena	47/22	Tampa	76/68
Indianapolis	50/31	Tulsa	60/45
Jacksonville	76/58	Washington, DC	57/36
Kansas City	53/36	Wichita	58/42

Wednesday, March 23



U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will push rain from the Ohio Valley into the southern New England on Wednesday. Wet snow may mix with the rain northward from northern Pennsylvania and over Michigan. Northern New England will be spared from the precipitation, but clouds will cover the region. Rain will fall, mainly in the morning, over Virginia and North Carolina. Along the associated cold front, some thunderstorms will rumble over Florida. While an area of high pressure provides a dry start for the Plains, an approaching system will bring some rain late in the day and at night. The system will cause rain and mountain snow showers to overspread much of the West. More rain will push into California on Thursday.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/70	Seoul	49/28
Beijing	50/22	Shanghai	58/44
Camp Casey	50/23	Singapore	91/76
Christchurch	68/73	Sydney	71/54
Diego Garcia	88/79	Taegu	58/35
Hagatna	87/75	Taipei	66/50
Hanoi	79/61	Tokyo	63/45
Hong Kong	69/61		
Honolulu	84/69		

Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Accapulco	90/70	Seoul	49/28
Adelaide	61/50	Shanghai	58/44
Auckland	73/60	Singapore	91/76
Baghdad	80/54	Sydney	71/54
Barbados	91/71	Taegu	58/35
Barcelona	64/54	Taipei	66/50
Berlin	55/38	Tokyo	63/45
Bermuda	68/62		
Brussels	61/48		



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What happened to honor?

What happened to honor when this nation's career warriors were promised that if they gave 20 or more years of their lives in defense of this nation, they and their dependents would receive free health care for life and Congress refuses to live up to that promise?

This was the law of the land until 1956, when Congress subtly changed the wording of the law.

Congress hides behind the false assertion that this promise was made illegally. The promise served its purpose. It was the primary deciding factor in making the military a career as these warriors were told that their pay was substantial because they were earning delayed pay in the form of lifetime health care.

The nation saved billions and billions of dollars over the years by not having to recruit and train a new military force every three or four years as these careerists believed their leaders, remaining on duty to form the very backbone of the nation's military forces. The promise was validated as late as 1995 in numerous government documents.

What happened to honor when the president tells these warriors while on the campaign trail that "promises made will be promises kept," and then, once elected, does everything in his power to ensure Congress does not honor the promise?

What happens to honor when the Supreme Court refuses to even hear our warriors' pleas?

The president and Congress know that soon none of these old warriors will be left, and then there will be no moral need to keep the promise. These warriors honored their part of the promise to the nation, and they only ask the nation to honor its promise to them.

Chicago Tribune

The victims of the Balkan wars shadow Europe. They gnaw at the conscience of a continent struggling to reconcile the last of its 20th century calamities. Some survived rapes, imprisonment and forced evacuations. Others lie buried in cemeteries, some in mass graves, casualties of the madness that engulfed Yugoslavia in the 1990s.

Who recalls them anymore? Who will pay a price for their pain, suffering and deaths? These questions lie at the heart of a remarkable turn of events at the United Nations war crimes tribunal at The Hague, Netherlands, heads toward a final legal chapter.

Prosecutors issued their final round of indictments this month. One by one, suspects who avoided justice for years are appearing before the international court. They are generals, cops and political leaders from Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo.

The biggest catch is Ramush Haradinaj,

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OPINION

U.S. view on torture brings up old wounds

BY JANET SCHMIDT ZUPAN

I recently found a letter written by my mother just after we had left for my final tour in Vietnam. "It's been hectic," she began. "Norm's afraid he won't get things done. He tried to fix up the whole house and the coral before he left. I wanted him to forget it but he had to keep working. ... He's had a severe headache which has him worried. ... It broke my heart to see him climb into that airplane."

I remember that summer — July, Mojave Desert, my sisters and I complaining as we shoveled horse manure into a creaky wheelbarrow, my dad tamping cressote posts plumb in an afternoon wind. I remember touching his shoulder where he knelt to set a tile in his beautiful floor, trowel in hand, the musty odor of concrete and Spanish brick in the air. I recall us all sitting around the table, Dad blowing out the candles of his 40th birthday cake, and the deep silence between the tear of wrapping paper and clipped ribbons. I was 11. On the tarmac of George Air Force Base, I breathed in the smell of the flight suit when he hugged me for the last time.

On Sept. 1, 1966, his F-104 was hit by flak during a mission, and the plane went down. My dad bailed out, drifting toward his last 364 living days, days that separated him so utterly from his life as a son, husband, father and career test pilot. In his final months he was deemed a "war criminal," beyond our desperate love and worry, beyond the protection the country he served, and excluded from the regard for human safety, dignity and life inherent in the articles of the Geneva Conventions.

In an audiotape in 1974, Cmdr. Robert Shumaker shared recollections of my dad. They were in a nine-foot-square cell with two other POWs in the Little Vegas section of the Hanoi Hilton in the summer of 1967. It was a harrowing period for the prisoners, in the wake of a communications purge. Shumaker described an incident on Aug. 21: "After Norm had finished washing he was peeing out [a] crack and trying to get a look at some of the other prisoners. Would you know it, a guard caught him." For this offense, my dad's legs were locked in stocks attached to his bed. Ten days passed before guards released him from this confinement and took him away for interrogation. He was never seen again. Shumaker concluded that "(Norm) was subjected to torture and succumbed in the process." Other prisoners, in cells down the hall from the interrogation room, reported hearing the "sounds of torture ... a loud scuffle and then silence." My father's remains were disinterred from the Ba Huyen Cemetery in Hanoi in 1974 and returned to us.

These days, the unspeakable aspects of my father's death have reared back into focus through the shock stocking of sources: Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay and Afghanistan. How many of us trusted in unwavering U.S. adherence to the principles of the Geneva Conventions? We committed to the accord, in good part, as a way of securing the protection of our own soldiers. Yet recent, mounting evidence reveals that the United States has been engaging in abhorrent interrogation methods sanctioned from the executive branch down.

Someone tell me, please, what marks the difference between the fatal techniques

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used against my father, Col. Norman Schmidt — labeled "war criminal" — and those used on "enemy combatant" Manadel al-Jamadi, whose death in custody in Baghdad has been classified as a homicide?

What makes one instance an internationally recognized, heinous crime and the other an increasingly condoned practice, something we're supposed to believe is unfortunate but necessary? I cannot find the answer.

But I know that we owe it to our soldiers to

treat prisoners of war and conflict humanely, no matter the circumstances that led to their incarceration, no matter the label they are given. Our national hesitation and then silence, our lack of outcry for an independent, thorough investigation into illegal detentions and torture, leave me grieving once again, deeper now for what seems the futility and waste in my father's honorable service and ultimate sacrifice in the name of the highest ideals of freedom and decency.

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Loner terrorists operate with hate under the radar

BY BRIAN LEVIN

When high-profile acts of seemingly symbolic violence occur, like the tragic murders of U.S.

District Judge Joan Lefkowitz's husband and mother in Chicago, we often look for large conspiracies with deep political meanings. Many times, however, the apparent terrorist is something less than is believed — a loner with a deeply personal motivation or severe psychological impairment.

Because their rationales revolve around personal revenge or a specific sought-after benefit, these terror-producing offenders are often most elusive and unpredictable. That many of them are also deeply troubled and frustrated people who possess contempt for the institutions of society only enhances their capacity for violence.

While political and religious-based terror movements operate over time with much publicity, the vengeful, impaired or benefit-seeking offender's motives are usually unraveled only in hindsight. That appears to be the case in the Lefkowitz homicides, where a man's personal legal defeat in a medical malpractice case may have caused him to lash out.

There are various categories of people who undertake terrorist acts — that is those who target institutional symbols or random citizens to bring attention to a perceived injustice or reformist agenda. However, an examination of history reveals that some of the nation's worst "terrorist" killers, assassins and bombers were often simple, frustrated people coping with vengeance, mental illness or a compulsion for riches.

Not surprisingly, most violence and threats against judges revolve around re-

venge for their rulings. Hundreds of threats against some of the more than 200 federal judges and court employees have resulted in 12 being provided with round-the-clock protection. In 1988, the father of a defeated pro se plaintiff in a sexual harassment case murdered Judge Richard Daro. A sniper murdered federal District Judge John Wood in 1979 for presiding over a drug case. Judge Patrick Kelley faced a barrage of threats in 1991 after ruling against anti-abortion protesters. Later in the 1990s anti-government extremists set up their own "common law courts" and threatened judges who usurped their "sovereign" authority.

Judges aren't the only symbolic targets of disgruntled, unstable loners bent on violence.

George Metesky, the legally insane "mad bomber" who terrorized New York

in the 1940s and '50s, had a signature motto for "fair play." A disgruntled lawyer who failed to get appointed to a counselor position assassinated President Garfield in 1881. A mentally ill John Hinckley Jr. attempted to kill President Reagan in 1981. Dan White killed San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk for damaging his political career.

Another motive behind these loner attackers is personal gain. Two product-tampering cases involving poisoned over-the-counter headache remedies spread fear across the nation, but were committed by spouses who wanted to be free of their partners. The Washington, D.C., sniper case is another instance where the offender attacked numerous people as a possible cover to target a spouse.

But perhaps the worst example of the benefit-seeking terrorist is John Graham.

In 1955 Graham, who desired to collect on his mother's insurance policy, bombed a United Airlines plane in flight over Colorado, killing 14 people.

The unfortunate lesson of these cases is that those blinded by defect, seeking benefits, or aiming for revenge can wreak the kind of violent disrespect for society and concomitant harm that we usually consider the domain of traditional ideologically motivated terrorists.

While the relative anonymity of judges in the pre-Internet age has traditionally offered a degree of security, their work makes them targets not only as symbols of justice, but because of their tenuous authority over the lives of some who are very violent and unstable.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Few four-leaf clovers

PA MERCER — George Kaminski, who has spent more than half of his life behind bars, has one more reason to hate prison.

"There are no four-leaf clovers here," Kaminski, 53, told *The Herald of Sharon*.

Kaminski, serving time for crimes including burglary and shooting at a police officer, has collected a world record 72,927 four-leaf clovers since 1995. He found them on the grounds of various Pennsylvania prisons.

But now that he moved to a minimum-security facility with fewer clovers, he's worried about the competition.

Edward Martin Sr., of Soldotna, Alaska, claims to have collected more than 76,000 four-leaf clovers. The 73-year-old retiree has applied to Guinness to be recognized as the new record holder.

Oahu drownings

HI HONOLULU — Honolulu police say they believe a 31-year-old man drowned off Oahu's Waianae Coast while trying to save his 54-year-old companion, who also drowned.

The bodies of Stephen Kumagai and Soledad Samorin were recovered from waters off Lahilahi Point in Makaha Bay.

The Honolulu Medical Examiner's Office has confirmed that the couple died due to drowning.

Kumagai's younger brother, David, said a police detective and a physician at the Medical Examiner's Office told the families that Stephen Kumagai probably jumped into the water to save his girlfriend, who could not swim.

David Kumagai says his brother "died a hero."

Boycott canceled

LA NEW ORLEANS — Leaders of a civil rights group have decided not to pursue a threatened boycott against the city over the death of a black tourist outside a Bourbon Street bar.

The Rev. Charles Steele, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said he is impressed with the way city officials have reacted to the situation.

"I had a better understanding that they know we have a problem, they know that I mean business, and I know they mean business," Steele said after meetings with Mayor Ray Nagin, Police Chief Eddie Compass and clergy leaders.

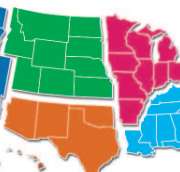
In January, Steele threatened to organize a boycott by black tourists if authorities did not take seriously the idea that racism was part of the reason Levon Jones died in a fight with three white bouncers.

Public service pays

RI PROVIDENCE — One in seven employees at the General Assembly received a pay raise this fiscal year, ranging from \$941 to \$15,423.

The survey done by *The Providence Journal* shows 64 legislative employees have received raises since July 1. The largest raises went to lawyers in House Speaker William Murphy's office. Thirteen workers in the legislature's auditor general's office got raises, ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,500 a year.

Two of the raises accompanied



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promotions to higher-paying jobs, according to Marisa White, the director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Services. One of them was to the wife of House Majority Whip Peter Kilmarlin, and reflected her promotion from data analyst to a \$66,564-a-year principal systems analyst job.

Murphy said the pay increases were meant to level legislative employees' salaries with those paid for similar positions in state government. "The process is not yet complete. And that's where we stand," according to a statement from his office.

Animal cruelty bill

TX AUSTIN — Supporters of a proposed bill that would strengthen the state's animal-cruelty laws say loopholes prevent many cases from being prosecuted, including a man who ran over his puppy with a lawnmower.

The bill, however, is opposed by a hunters' group, and farm organizations are studying whether it would affect livestock producers.

The push for stricter legislation is led by the Texas Human Legislation Network and Bell County Attorney Richard J. Miller, both of whom said numerous cases of animal cruelty in recent years have gone unpunished.

Miller said he was unable to prosecute a man who deliberately ran over his puppy with a lawnmower because the cruelty law only covers killing someone else's animal and because the puppy's instant death didn't meet the law's definition of terror.



Eggs-cellent

Abigail Scantlin, of Overland Park, Kan., searches for candy-filled plastic eggs Saturday during the 12th annual Eggstravaganza Easter egg hunt in Leawood, Kan.

A bill by state Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, would make it an offense for someone to kill his or her own animal in a cruel manner and would extend the law to protect wild animals.

The bill would also make it illegal to kill or injure strays or someone else's livestock or train animals to fight one another — current law requires people to be caught causing animals to fight, according to the humane group.

Public property ban

HI HONOLULU — A Senate committee has advanced a measure to repeal a law opposed by civil rights groups and others because it lets authorities ban people from public property.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill to repeal Act 50, which allows police and other officials to block a person from public property for up to a year after writing a warning or issuing a request for them to leave.

The law was aimed at removing squatters from public campgrounds, parks, beaches and other public places where they illegally put up tents and other temporary shelters.

But its vague language leaves the law open to such abuses as keeping voters out of polling places or barring groups from the grounds of the state Capitol, thereby chilling constitutional rights to free speech, the American Civil Liberties Union has said.

Four die in accidents

NY ROCHESTER — Separate accidents in Wyoming and Monroe counties left four people dead, sheriff's officials said.

The first happened when a driver lost control of his car coming out of a curve on Route 98 in Bennington, flipping several times before striking a building. The driver, 37-year-old David Sheffield of Warsaw, died at the hospital and passenger Alicia Omans, a 27-year-old from Varysburg, was pronounced dead at the scene.

A few hours later, two men were killed when their vehicle struck a tree in Penfield. Both the driver, 20-year-old Adam Fici of Penfield, and passenger Christopher Fici, 19-year-old from Fairport, died at the scene.

The accidents were under investigation.

She's not dead yet

VA ALEXANDRIA — When social worker Charlene Kyer arrived at Ceguma Thomas's house to check on her one morning, she wasn't able to rouse the woman from bed. Unable to find a pulse, Kyer called the paramedics. They, too, couldn't find a pulse and drove away a few minutes later, leaving Thomas with three police officers to process the scene where she died.

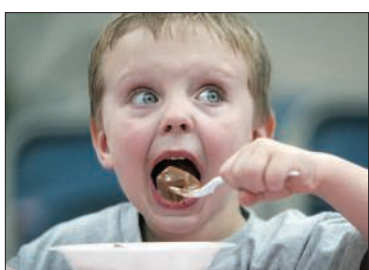
The only problem was, Thomas wasn't dead. "Everyone thought I was dead," the 56-year-old said with a laugh. "It happened before where I quit breathing, and people think I've gone."

After a police officer noticed one of Thomas's eyelids move and another officer heard the sounds of strained breathing, the paramedics were called back to the house. Thomas was taken to the hospital, where she spent four days hooked to intravenous fluids.



Just bubbling over

World-renowned bubble artist Fan Yang breaks his own Guinness World Record by encasing 18 people in a soap bubble at Toys "R" Us Times Square in New York. The event, sponsored by Gazillion Bubbles, was held to kick off National Bubble Week and the arrival of spring.



Proof is in the pudding

Jonah Barrow, 3, makes quick pudding, placing first in a pudding eating competition during Chocolate Fest at the Mall of Abilene in Abilene, Texas.



On their toes

Dancers from Woods School of Irish Dance, South Boston neighborhood in Boston, perform in front of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.



A time to mourn
killed in a fire.

Funeral director Arthur Hickerson releases 11 white doves into the air at Providence Park Cemetery in Marrero, La., at the gravesite of the 11 people killed in a fire.



Big gulp
Zookeeper Karen Gibson waters the Houston Zoo's baby elephant Bella, who was born Aug. 17. Warm weather and spring break have drawn large crowds to the zoo.



Hugs for grandpa
Chief Warrant Officer 4 John Travers, of Independence, Mo., a member of the 325th Field Hospital U.S. Army Reserve unit, holds his granddaughter, Nicole Dover, 5, also of Independence, after his unit's flight was greeted by family and friends, in Kansas City, Mo. The unit returned from duty in Afghanistan.



Spring ritual
Members of the Westerly Morris Men dance at dawn in Ledyard, Conn., to celebrate the renewal of spring. The vernal equinox is the moment at which the sun lies precisely above the equator, astronomically marking the beginning of spring. The ceremonial dance shakes off winter's death and promotes fertility in field, flock and man.

Inhaling from aerosol can

MA CORNITH — A 15-year-old high school student collapsed in a study hall after he inhaled the contents of an aerosol can in order to get high, officials said.

The boy received medical attention at a local hospital and was doing fine, said Principal Garry Spencer. He said unspecified disciplinary action was taken against the boy.

Inhaling chemical fumes to get a brief high, a practice called huffing, had been tried by 15 percent of Maine eighth-graders, according to the 2004 Maine Youth Drug and Alcohol Use Survey.

More than 1,400 common items can be huffed, according to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse. Kids usually use aerosol cans to get the chemical high.

Monument to reopen

DC WASHINGTON — The Washington Monument will reopen to the public on April 1 after the completion of security upgrades, the National Park Service announced.

The monument has been closed since Sept. 7, when the \$15 million project began. The security improvements include vehicle barriers and a new lighting system.

Visitors will be able to travel by elevator to the top of the 555-foot tall monument when it reopens, but the surrounding 53 acres will remain off-limits until late June, said Vikki Keys, superintendent of the National Mall and memorial parks.

Robbery spree suspected

NH MANCHESTER — Police believe the same man is responsible for as many as 10 robberies in the city in the last eight months.

The robbery spree started July 8 at a Bank of New Hampshire branch.

The most recent target was a Hannaford's grocery store.

Two other grocery stores and two other banks also have been hit some of them multiple times.

Detectives suspect the same man committed all 10 because the robber in each case was described as a white, stocky man between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall.

In each case, the robber handed the teller or grocery store clerk a note demanding cash and indicating he had a gun.

However, no weapon ever was displayed.

Texas vanity tax

TX DALLAS — A nip and a tuck could cost Texans a few more bucks, if some state lawmakers get their way.

The state House has passed a 7.5 percent tax on elective cosmetic procedures like facelifts, breast surgery and nose jobs. The bill still needs Senate approval.

"This may bring in more money than oil," joked Wick Allison, publisher and editor of D Magazine, which covers the Dallas fashion and party scene.

Almost 40 percent of U.S. plastic surgeons practice in California, New York, Florida and Texas — a state where fashion and beauty is just as competitive as football and big business.

Giuliani behind stadium

NY NEW YORK — Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani — a longtime advocate for new stadiums for New York's sports teams — is lending his support to the plan to build a new home for the Jets in Manhattan.

Giuliani, who talked about building a West Side stadium for the Jets while he was still in office, is featured in a new commercial promoting the project.

The commercial begins with Giuliani saying "I love New York." The former mayor goes on to assert that the project will help create jobs.

"A city that continues to grow, that continues to build, is a city that can put teachers and firefighters and police officers, tens of thousands of New Yorkers to work," he says.

Before leaving office, Giuliani announced a deal to build new stadiums for both the Mets and the Yankees. The plan was shelved by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Not ready to retire

TX DALLAS — Low-fare carrier Southwest Airlines plans to support a group of pilots who are challenging a federal rule that forces them to retire at 60, a spokesman for the airline said.

Southwest plans to file a friend-of-the-court brief with the U.S. Supreme Court opposing the 1980s regulation that bars airline pilots from flying after they reach 60, regardless of their health, said Ed Stewart, a Southwest spokesman.

"Our thought is that Southwest Airlines has dedicated and talented pilots that are being forced to retire because of chronological age," Stewart said.

The Federal Aviation Administration says the retirement rule is necessary for safety. Officials have argued that pilots lose critical cognitive and motor skills as they age.

Church member charged

NY BINGHAMTON — A 30-year member of a Unitarian Universalist church was arrested for vandalizing its property with anti-gay messages.

Matthew Fox, 49, of Binghamton, was charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief and ordered to have no contact with church officials.

The church discovered vandalism to a banner on the front lawn that said "Civil marriage is a civil right." An anti-gay statement was also chiseled into the sidewalk.

Investigators said Fox admitted to committing the vandalism.

Casino expansion nixed

CA SAN PABLO — An American Indian tribe has shelved plans to build an expanded casino with 2,500 slot machines in the San Francisco Bay area after state lawmakers said it would be too big for the community.

The Lytton Band of Pomo Indians said in a letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that they did not think the Legislature would have approved the project.

Instead, the tribe will renovate and install hundreds of new games — but not slot machines — at its existing 70,000-square-foot card-room called Casino San Pablo.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Tension is palpable as we build toward the full moon on Friday. With the culmination of a scenario just days away, how can you stay in the moment? We're living for when X happens, as though life will be somehow more real than now. It's myth, and the sooner you recognize this, the sooner you'll join this moment before it's lost forever.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(March 23). You clearly see the steps that will lead you to fantastic ways to make money and better yourself simultaneously. Instead of rushing, just work your plan day by day. Relationships unfold beautifully next month. You'll earn a financial bonus in June. Friendships grow closer in December. Some turn into love — most likely with a Gemini or Capricorn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe from the outside it looks as though you're marching alongside the other soldiers. But inside, you are crying to be liberated. Sever the cord that's keeping you tied to someone or something you dislike.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a passport to the wild side of life tonight, though you have to go through customs to get there. You may decide it's not worth the trouble. Leo or Pisces company will enhance an experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In order to have romance in your life, you must first romantic thoughts and fill your eyes with romantic visions — like a train bound for nowhere, eyes that glisten when they look at you or the moon reflecting on a lake.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Lay down the rules, even if you may risk being momentarily unpopular to do so. There are very few who would dare not respect your authority these days. Roommates or associates act more responsibly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Extra cash burns a hole in your pocket. Don't spend a dime until you've

looked at the overall picture of your financial situation. Your bookkeeping is off; remedy it now to avoid fees and late charges.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An idea from the past hangs in your mind like an abandoned tire resting in a roadside ditch. Mental cleanup includes consciously deciding on one course of action and letting go of the other possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Today features the return of that adolescent fantasy of love in which you sail into infinity with your one true soul mate. Snap out of it, and tonight's date will be brilliant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Read and converse. You'll be tested on cultural literacy or common knowledge. This is no formal test — you won't be caught on camera by Jay Leno or anything — but people who matter are definitely sizing you up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Life is complex. You'll be tested on cultural literacy or common knowledge. This is no formal test — you won't be caught on camera by Jay Leno or anything — but people who matter are definitely sizing you up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Visual stimulation has the power to sway you. You are especially mesmerized by attractive people. Just be sure you're not bamboozled into a raw deal because of your fascination with beauty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Maturity is the difference between a successful relationship and a stressful one. When someone is unhappy, you adjust as needed. Instead of getting frustrated, you try every option until one works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You're sensitive to murmurs that something just isn't right. You're not sure if you're looking at an early warning sign or making mountains out of molehills. Investigate. Take preventative action.

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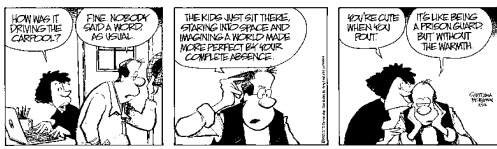
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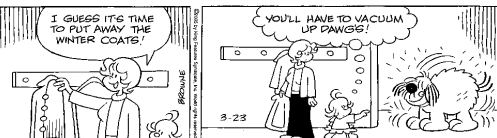
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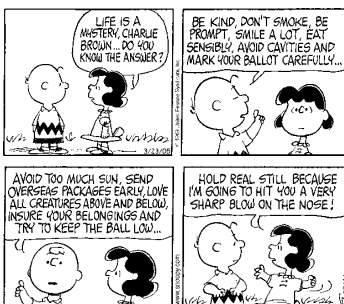
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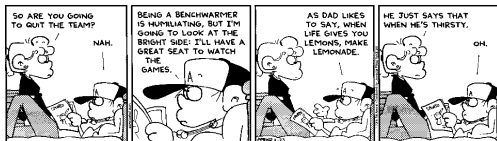
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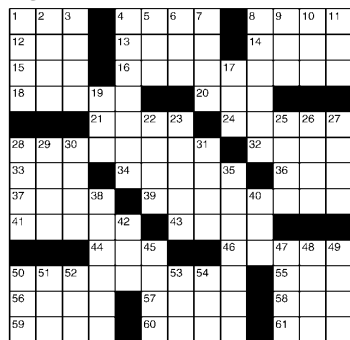
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Showman
- 2 Ziegfeld
- 4 Lean-to
- 8 Close tightly
- 12 Have a bug
- 13 Frat-party garb
- 14 Bullets
- 15 Meadow
- 16 "No more," in diner jargon
- 18 Moon-related
- 20 Mainlander's memento
- 21 Booty
- 24 Legislate
- 28 Direct paths
- 32 Neutral color
- 33 Wapiti
- 34 Dolt
- 36 Kreskin's claim
- 37 A ul!
- 39 Ocean event
- 41 Turkish bigwig
- 43 Micronesian island group
- 44 Curved line
- 46 Man of morals?
- 50 Truck-engine fuel
- 55 "Hall, Caesar!"
- 56 "She Sweet?"
- 57 Count
- 58 Bear hair
- 59 Tarry
- 60 Unravel a bit
- 61 Ostrich's cousin

Down

- 1 Decline
- 2 Stead
- 3 "The Good Earth" heroine
- 4 Performance-enhancing drug
- 5 — polloi
- 6 Quiche need
- 7 Actress Ariane
- 8 Proverb
- 9 type squares
- 10 "What Kind of Fool —?"
- 11 Bagel topping
- 17 Prop for Ernie Els
- 19 Every last iota
- 22 Responsibility
- 23 Doctrine
- 25 Vicinity
- 26 Barrel
- 27 Categorize
- 28 Gridlock noise
- 29 Ms. Fitzgerald
- 30 Supplements, with "out"
- 31 Wound reminder
- 35 The same for everybody
- 38 Pure
- 40 Guitar's kin
- 42 Exist
- 45 Staff leader?
- 47 Ump's call
- 48 Latin 6-Down
- 49 Llamas' home
- 50 Brylcreem dosage
- 51 Middletown, on a sundial
- 52 Conclusion
- 53 Scull tool
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Yesterday's Cryptquip: I'VE HAD THIS LARGE SHAVING SCAR FOR DECADES THAT I LIKE TO REFER TO AS "OLD NICK."

Today's Cryptquip Clue: A equals R

Durham, 67, retires after 633 victories

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville's Hugh Durham retired Monday, the school announced, ending a 45-year coaching career during which he took two schools to the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

Sports briefs

Durham, 67, retires with a career record of 633-429 (.596) after his final season finished 16-13. He's 25th on the career victory list.

Durham was 106-119 in eight seasons at Jacksonville following stints at Florida State, where he was 230-95 from 1960 to 1978, and Georgia, where he was 297-215 from 1979 to 1995.

He took Florida State to the NCAA title game in 1972, losing to UCLA, and Georgia to the tour-

namment semifinals in 1983, falling to eventual champion North Carolina State.

Dominique Wilkins, who played for Durham at Georgia before going on to a standout career with the Atlanta Hawks and three other NBA clubs, released a statement Monday calling his former coach "one of the major influences of my life."

"Without his guidance, I don't know if I would have developed into the type of player I became as a collegian, and later as a professional," Wilkins said. "He treated me more like a son than a player, and I will never forget that."

Racing hall nominates 20 under new rules

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Jockeys Jose Santos and Eddie Maple, trainer Nick Zito and 1997 Kentucky Derby and Preakness

winner Silver Charm lead the class of nominees for induction into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame.

Santos, a four-time national leader in earnings, helped propel Funny Cide onto the national scene in 2003, riding to victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness before his shot at the Triple Crown fell short in the Belmont. Santos has also ridden six Breeders' Cup winners.

Maple has more than 4,000 career victories, including two Belmonts. He was also in the saddle for the famed Secretariat's final race, a 6½-length victory in the Canadian International in 1973. Regular rider Ron Turcotte was serving a suspension.

Zito trained Birdstone to a Belmont victory last year, adding the final leg of the career Triple Crown to his earlier Kentucky Derby victories with Strike the

Gold (1991) and Go for Gin (1994) and a Preakness victory with Louis Quatorze (1996).

The 2005 slate is the first selected using rules similar to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The 163 voters will pick up to three finalists in each category. To be inducted, an individual must be named on at least 75 percent of ballots received.

If more than one nominee reaches 75 percent, the one with the higher percentage will be the sole inductee in that category. If no candidate receives 75 percent, the category will not have an inductee this year.

NBDL adds four franchises

NEW YORK — The National Basketball Development League added four franchises Monday, expanding to 10 teams for the 2005-06 season.

Southwest Basketball, led by

former Indiana Pacers general manager David Kahn, has secured teams in Albuquerque, N.M.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Austin and Fort Worth, Texas.

"The expansion of the NBDL illustrates that the NBA's minor league has not only been successful in developing NBA talent on and off the court, but is a business proposition whose time has come," NBA commissioner David Stern said. "We are indeed fortunate to have attracted not only an investor in four new teams, but also, in the case of David Kahn, an experienced basketball person who knows what it takes to make these teams succeed."

The expansion franchises join Florida, Asheville, Columbus, Fayetteville, Huntsville and Roanoke.

Thirty-four NBDL players have been called up to the NBA since the league began in 2001.

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It is estimated that this contract will be awarded this summer with work beginning October 1, 2005. For information on these positions and to submit your resume online, visit us at <http://www.titan.com/careers/>. If you have questions, please contact us at pacafets@titan.com.

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Women's NCAA tournament

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 19
At Reunion Arena
Dallas

Middle Tennessee State 60, North Carolina State 58
Texas Tech 68, Texas-Arlington 49

Sunday, March 20
Purdue 65, New Mexico 50
Tennessee 84, Western Carolina 43

Temple 66, Louisiana Tech 61
Rutgers 62, Hartford 37

Ohio State 85, Holy Cross 45
Maryland 65, Wisconsin-Green Bay 55

Second Round
Monday, March 21
Middle Tennessee State (24-8) vs. Texas Tech (23-7)

Tuesday, March 22
Tennessee (27-4) vs. Purdue (17-12)
Temple (25-3) vs. Rutgers (36)

Maryland (22-9) vs. Ohio State (29-4)
Semifinals
Sunday, March 27
Middle Tennessee State/Texas Tech vs. Tennessee/Purdue

Temple/Rutgers vs. Maryland/Ohio State
Championship
Saturday, March 26
CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL

First Round
Saturday, March 19
Texas 64, Oral Roberts 49
Georgia 75, Rice 49

Second Round
Sunday, March 20
Arizona 72, Oklahoma 69
LSU 70, Seton Hall 59

DePaul 78, Virginia Tech 48
Liberty 72, Penn State 61

Duke 80, Canisius 48
Boston College 65, Houston 43

Second Round
Monday, March 21
Georgia (23-9) vs. Texas (22-8)

Tuesday, March 22
LSU (30-2) vs. Arizona (20-11)
DePaul (26-4) vs. Liberty (24-9)

Boston College (29-1) vs. Duke (29-4)
Semifinals
Saturday, March 26
LSU/Arizona vs. DePaul/Liberty

Georgia/Texas vs. Boston College/Duke
Championship
Monday, March 28
KANSAS CITY REGIONAL

First Round
Saturday, March 19
Southern California 65, Louisville 49

Southern California 71, Alcorn State 41
Utah 73, Iowa State 61

Stanford 84, Santa Clara 57
Kansas State 70, Bowling Green 60

Vanderbilt 67, Montana 44
Sunday, March 20
Connecticut 85, Dartmouth 47

Florida State 87, Richmond 54
Second Round
Monday, March 21
Michigan State (29-3) vs. Southern California (20-10)

Utah (26-7) vs. Stanford (30-2)
Vanderbilt (27-7) vs. Kansas State (24-7)

Tuesday, March 22
Florida State (24-7) vs. Connecticut (24-7)
Semifinals
Sunday, March 27
Michigan State/Southern California vs. Vanderbilt/Kansas State

Fla. State/Connecticut vs. Utah/Stanford
Championship
Tuesday, March 29
TEMPE REGIONAL

First Round
Saturday, March 19
Virginia 79, Old Dominion 57

Minnesota 64, St. Francis 33
Arizona State 87, Eastern Kentucky 65

Arizona State 81, UC Santa Barbara 51
Baylor 91, Illinois State 70

Oregon 58, Texas Christian 47
Georgia 97, Colorado State 67

Georgia Washington 60, Mississippi 52
Second Round
Monday, March 21
Virginia (21-10) vs. Minnesota (25-7)

Arizona State (23-9) vs. Notre Dame (27-5)
Oregon (21-9) vs. Baylor (28-3)

North Carolina (28-3) vs. Georgia Washington (23-8)
Semifinals
Saturday, March 26
North Carolina/Georgia Washington vs. Arizona State/Notre Dame

Virginia/Minnesota vs. Oregon/Baylor
Championship
Monday, March 28
THE FINAL FOUR
At RCA Dome
Indianapolis

Semifinals
Sunday, April 3
Chattanooga Regional champion vs. Temple Regional champion

Philadelphia Regional champion vs. Kansas City Regional champion
Tuesday, April 5
Championship

Summitt on verge of reaching top

Lady Vols coach ties Dean Smith with 879th career victory

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Summitt would rather count the number of players, assistants and friends she's had during her 31 years at Tennessee than all the victories.

Summitt tied former North Carolina men's coach Dean Smith for the most victories in NCAA history — 879 — as Tennessee beat Western Carolina 94-43 on Sunday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"It's really not about a number," Summitt said. "It's about people — the people here at the university, the administration, all the great assistant coaches I've had, the loyal people who have stuck by me for years, the people I work with in the office and certainly all the players."

"When you think about women's basketball, we have a list of who's who — All-Americans, Olympians and people of impact in the game."

Summitt has a chance to surpass Smith when top-seeded Tennessee (27-4) faces Purdue in the second round Tuesday night, with the winner advancing to the regional semifinals in Philadelphia.

Summitt is 879-171, Smith was 879-254 in 36 years with the Tar Heels.

Tennessee senior Shyra Ely said she was glad to be part of Summitt's victories.

"I just think it's huge not only for women's basketball, but college basketball," Ely said. "I think it's awesome that she's representing the entire basketball nation."

Coincidentally, Western Carolina's coach was around for a good chunk of Summitt's victories. Kellie Harper was the point guard on Tennessee's three straight national title teams from 1996-98.

"Pat Summitt is huge for the women's basketball game," Harper said. "She's been a pioneer, a legacy, a legend — all of those ad-

jectives And now, her tying Dean Smith shows her legacy to move over to basketball, not just women's basketball, and I think a person like Pat Summitt needs to be a legend in the game of basketball."

Harper received a standing ovation when she walked onto the court, but couldn't do much to help her team stay with the Lady Vols.

The 16th-seeded Catamounts (18-14) were undersized and out-matched from the beginning.

The Lady Vols increased the lead to 19-8 with 13:47 left before halftime, and had a 19-2 run that gave them a 29-point advantage with 4½ minutes left in the first half. The margin hit 49 on Brittany Jackson's three-pointer with 12:36 to go.

Shanna Zolman tied a career high with 28 points, Ely had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Alexis Hornbuckle added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

And, in one of Summitt's favorite statistics, the Lady Vols outrebounded Western Carolina 57-36.

Chevon Keith and Monique Dawson each had nine points to lead the Catamounts, who won



Tennessee coach Pat Summitt talks with guard Alexis Hornbuckle during Sunday's first-round NCAA tournament game against Western Carolina in Knoxville, Tenn. Tennessee beat Western Carolina 94-43.

the Southern Conference tournament to earn the school's first NCAA bid.

Summitt, who tops all women's coaches with an 86-177 NCAA tournament record, began coaching at age 22 when teams didn't offer scholarships. She's been at the top of the women's game for years with six national titles and

15 Final Four appearances.

Summitt tied Smith at Tennessee's home court at Thompson-Boling Arena, where the Lady Vols are 252-14 since it opened in 1987. Tennessee has never lost an NCAA game in Knoxville, going 45-0 since the women's tournament began in 1982.



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Liberty upset Penn State

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — For the first time in school history, Liberty won't be going home after the first round of the NCAA tournament.

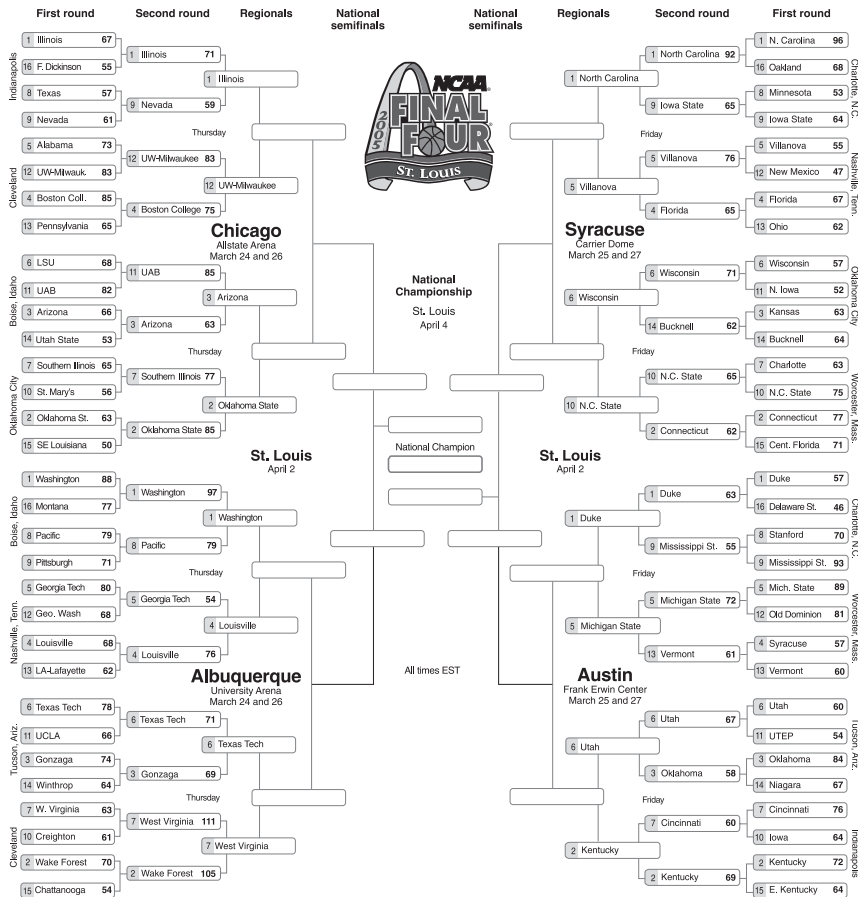
The Flames outthrust and outplayed perennial powerhouse Penn State in a 78-70 upset Sunday night, taking control with a 16-1 run and then holding on with a solid performance at the free-throw line.

It was only the fourth time in tournament history that a 13th seed defeated a No. 4 seed, and this one could not have been more improbable.

Liberty (25-6) was 0-8 in the tournament, and this was the first time in four tries that Penn State failed to reach the Sweet 16 as a No. 4 seed.

Katie Peenstra had 22 points and 11 rebounds for Liberty.

2005 NCAA Division I men's basketball championship



SOURCE: NCAA

AP

Fine: Dreams come true in early rounds of NCAA tournament

FINE, FROM BACK PAGE

The Fine Madness is predicated on dreams. So while a Kansas is very likely going to beat a Bucknell 99 out of 100 times, that one time when Bucknell might rise up, well, you have lived to see it even though it took more than a century, that being how long Bucknell went before winning its first NCAA tournament game.

The Ultimate Dream, a No. 16 seed topping a No. 1, has yet to be realized, but one day ... one day. Maybe.

The usual fate for those doing the upsetting is to expire the next game. It is too diffi-

cult, too demanding, to keep playing beyond your capabilities. Plus, letdowns after an upset are understandable and all but unavoidable.

But for one night, Vermont can beat Syracuse, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee can beat BC, and N.C. State can beat UConn, and Bucknell can set fire to Kansas.

And West Virginia can eliminate Wake Forest even if it means playing until half past June. Double overtime. A classic. Wake scores 105 and loses.

The Fine Madness, indeed.

Sometimes, it even casts a person in a different light.

Which brings us to the tyrant, Robert Montgomery Knight. It's been a long time since Bob Knight was in the public prints for how often his basketball teams were winning. He was as irascible as ever, but in the NCAA tournament, which once was his private preserve, he was evicted early and often.

Time, age, circumstances had all overtaken him, it seemed. His critics, ahem, had to conceal their glee when he kept getting eliminated. And then on Thursday Texas Tech beat UCLA and followed up Saturday with a 71-69 victory over Gonzaga. Knight is back in the round of 16.

After the win over Gonzaga, he dispatched his son, Pat, into the stands to escort to the court Knight's wife, Karen, so that the coach could publicly acknowledge her and her real and meaningful contributions to the team. She came to him in unashamed tears, and as they stood there embraced, it was not possible to look upon that and be unmoved.

It was touching and it was tender. Suddenly, Bob Knight looked eminently human.

The Fine Madness at work.

Bill Lyon is a columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

NCAA tournament: Austin Regional

Coach K gets 66th as Duke tops State

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The celebration was muted, emotions kept in check. Never mind that Mike Krzyzewski had just passed Dean Smith for the most NCAA tournament victories with a win that moved Duke into the round of 16.

Years will come only when this unlikely team plays its last game.

The top-seeded Blue Devils assured themselves of at least one more game with a 63-55 victory over Mississippi State in the second round of the Austin Regional on Sunday.

"Coaches don't win games, players do," Krzyzewski said.

Look, I love this group of kids; it's good a group as I've ever coached — and whenever they have played their last game, that is when I will try to be emotional."

Daniel Ewing handled the offense and Sheldon Williams took care of defense to get Coach K his record 66th tournament victory, moving him ahead of Smith to the top of the list.

It took a reminder from J.J. Redick for the Blue Devils (27-5) to get the milestone win.

It means a lot to me and to us as a team," Redick said. "You know, he wouldn't talk about it, but I made sure all the guys on this team knew about it. I mentioned it to the team before we went out on the court. I said 'We need to win it for him.'"

The victory sent Duke into the regional semifinals for the eighth consecutive year, the longest current streak in the nation. The Blue Devils will play fifth-seeded Michigan State.

It wasn't an easy trip.

Duke was embarrassed after squeaking out a 57-46 victory over 16th-seeded Delaware State in the first round, and the Blue Devils had their hands full with ninth-seeded Mississippi State (23-11).

"This was a very tough game, especially for the second round," said Williams, who had 13 points and 15 rebounds. "This was the kind of game you see in the Elite Eight, or maybe even the Final Four."

Duke shot just 38 percent, had 16 turnovers and almost lost what should have been a pro-Duke crowd when the game was tied at 50 with under 5 minutes to play. Because rival North Carolina played in the first game, and Tar Heels fans snapped up almost 18,000 tickets in the Charlotte Coliseum, the crowd shifted to the Bulldogs late.

The Blue Devils said they didn't even notice. "I thought it would be like playing in (North Carolina's) Smith Center," Krzyzewski said. "But it wasn't even close."

Because if the crowd did shift to Mississippi State's side, Williams and Ewing silenced it down the stretch while helping the Blue Devils to their 11th consecutive victory in this building.

Williams scored on a three-point play to give Duke the lead for good at 53-50 with 4:19 to go, then blocked Lawrence Roberts' shot at the other end, Redick scored on a fadeaway and, after a Mississippi State miss, Ewing pushed in Redick's miss to make it 57-53.

"It seems like every big play that had to be made down the stretch, they made," Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury said. "That's why they are so successful."

Roberts dunked for the Bulldogs, but Ewing made a short run in the lane for a 59-55 lead with 1:01 to play.

Mississippi State knew it was over then.

Ewing is the guy down the stretch that really hurt us," Stansbury said.

Ewing finished with 22 points



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski calls a play during a 63-55 victory over Mississippi State, his record 66th in NCAA tournament play.

— and after hitting his fourth three-pointer of the game, taunted the Bulldogs by saying "You can't guard me" to guard Shane Power.

Redick had 16 points and Williams ended with 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Roberts led the Bulldogs with 17 points and 11 rebounds, but struggled offensively on 5-for-18 shooting. Ontario Harper also scored 17.

This Duke team is one of the most pleasant surprises in Krzyzewski's 25-year career. With just eight recruited players, the Blue Devils failed to finish among the top two in the Atlantic Coast Conference for the first time in nine years.

They were third at 11-5, three games behind regular-season champion North Carolina and two behind runner-up Wake Forest, yet completed a surprising run through the ACC tournament for their sixth title in seven years.

"It's been a truly rewarding, amazing year — one of the most rewarding I've ever had in coaching," Krzyzewski said. "This is a great group of kids who never made excuses and played their butts off in every game."

Wake Forest and Gonzaga are

NCAA tournament: Syracuse Regional

Badgers to Syracuse; Bucknell heads home

By JAIME ARON
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Wisconsin Badgers have heard all season how much better they might be if Devin Harris had stuck around for his senior year or if his expected replacement, Boo Wade, had played more than one non-conference game.

Well, even if they had those guys, they couldn't be any better off than they are now: among the last 16 teams playing for the NCAA championship.

Mike Wilkinson had 23 points and nine rebounds and Zach Morley contributed 15 points and eight rebounds, sending the Badgers into the regional semifinals in Syracuse next weekend with a 71-62 second-round victory Sunday over tournament upstart Bucknell.

"It's pretty good to be in the Sweet 16 after all this team's been through," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "People kept saying what we could've been and should've been. Well, we're going to Syracuse. It's not Disneyland, but, hey, it's Syracuse."

The Badgers (24-8) are into the second weekend for the second time in three years. They were knocked out in the second round last year, even with Big Ten player of the year Harris and Wade, who left the program for personal reasons, first in October then for good in January.

"Hard work pays off," said Alando Tucker, Wisconsin's other starting forward, who scored 15 of his 17 points from the foul line. "We've been battling the whole season."

While the sixth-seeded Badgers turn their attention to Friday night's game against 10th-seeded North Carolina State, the Bison will be heading back to their Pennsylvania campus with heads held high.

Bucknell (23-10) gave the Patriot League its first NCAA tournament



Bucknell's Kevin Bettencourt (12) is greeted by Chris McNaughton (32) after a 71-62 loss to Wisconsin on Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

ment victory with a stunner over preseason No. 1 Kansas in the first round, then played the Big Ten's third-place team, took deep into the second half Sunday. That's pretty impressive for a program that just started handing out scholarships last year and has only five players getting free rides.

Wisconsin forced the Bison off the three-point line, taking away their best weapon against the Jayhawks, yet Bucknell still rallied from a 13-point deficit and led 47-46 with 9:09 left. Even after falling behind by 12 with 1:41 left, the Bison got within six with 36 seconds to play, only to see Tucker and Wilkinson seal the outcome with free throws.

NCAA tournament: Albuquerque Regional

Louisville charges past Georgia Tech and into Sweet 16

By NANCY ARMOUR
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Louisville Cardinals aren't winning their second game. They're making all their arguments on the floor.

Francisco Garcia scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and Equan Dean halted Georgia Tech's last hope with a flurry of three-pointers, sealing a 76-54 victory that sent Louisville to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1997.

"I don't want to tick anybody off, but somebody told me this is a four seed. You're nuts. You're absolutely nuts," Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt said. "They're as good as anybody we've played this year."

Dean finished with 14 points, all on two three-pointers, and Larry O'Bannon added 16 for Louisville (31-44). The Cardinals never trailed and led by as many as 23 points, and their stifling 2-3 zone limited last year's NCAA tournament runner-up to less than 38 percent shooting.

Luke Schenschel (13) and Jarrett Jack (11) were the only Yellow Jackets in double figures, and B.J. Elder was held to just three points on five shots.

As the final seconds ticked down, the thousands of Cardinals fans who were lining up Saturday night to buy leftover tickets chanted "Sweet 16! Sweet 16!"

Garcia was beaming as he came out of the game and hugged

coach Rick Pitino, who improved to 29-9 in 11 NCAA tournament appearances.

"By far it was our best performance of the year," said Ellis Myles, who had nine points and eight rebounds. "Defensively, we dominated. We got out of the gate and we never let them get back into it. That's what you have to do in this tournament."

The Cardinals thought they'd looked up a top seed or at least a No. 2 after beating Memphis to win the Conference USA tournament, and made no secret of their disgust when they didn't get one.

Worse, they drew the fourth seed in the Albuquerque Regional, behind Washington, Wake Forest and Gonzaga.

Wake Forest and Gonzaga are gone now, and Louisville can prove it really did deserve that top seed when it plays Washington in the regional semifinals next weekend.

"A four seed, I don't buy it," Pitino said. "That's OK. We never focused on it. We never talked about it again."

"We've done our job and now we're in the Sweet 16."

Besides, if the Cardinals kept playing like this, seeding won't matter.

Washington got a bum steer getting two No. 1s in their bracket because these guys are a No. 1," Hewitt said. "We weren't good enough to beat them. That's why they're going to move on. That's going to be a good game next week."

With the way Louisville was talking before the game, the Cardinals were sounding like they were the underdogs instead of fifth-seeded Georgia Tech (20-12). But that misconception ended in a hurry. They shredded Georgia Tech's vaunted press right from the start, making their first six shots — four from three-point range — and not missing until the game was 5½ minutes into the second half.

No one was better than Garcia. He had topped his average by halftime with 18 points on 5-for-8 shooting, including 3-for-5 from three-point range. Even when Dean only playing seven minutes because of foul trouble, the Cardinals had a 45-30 lead at halftime.

Williams, Mondesi heal; Mets deal

The Associated Press

The New York Yankees' Bernie Williams and Atlanta's Raul Mondesi could be out of a short time with injuries. The New York Mets acquired Kazuhisa Ishii to replace Steve Trachsel, who's expected to be out a few months.

Williams trained his upper back during batting practice Sunday before the New York Yankees lost 5-3 to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at St. Petersburg, Fla., and is expected to miss at least a couple games.

"Hopefully, it's nothing serious," manager Joe Torre said. "He'll get treatment. That's all that's planned right now. We'll have to wait until tomorrow to see what it feels like."

Spring training roundup

The Yankees were also without Derek Jeter, who bruised his left foot on a foul ball Saturday. He was gone Sunday, but X-rays were negative.

At Kissimmee, Fla., Mondesi injured his hamstring while running out a double during the Atlanta Braves' 2-1 loss to a St. Louis Cardinals split squad. The right fielder is expected to be out at least a few games, but plans to be ready for opening day.

"The doctor says one week at the most," Mondesi said.

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., with Trachsel out 3-6 months following back surgery, the Mets traded reserve catcher Jason Phillips to the Los Angeles Dodgers for left-handed Ishii.

Ishii will step into the No. 5 spot in the rotation behind Pedro Martinez, Tom Glavine, Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano.

"We were able to get a guy who has won. And I like having two lefties in the rotation. It gives us good balance," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

Ishii went 1.8 with a 4.71 ERA in 31 starts last season for Los Angeles. Often erratic, he walked 98 batters in 172 innings. He is 36-25 with a 4.30 ERA in three seasons with the Dodgers since coming over from Japan.

Philadelphia outfielder Marlon Byrd and catcher Mike Lieberthal were injured during a 9-7 loss to the Cleveland Indians. Byrd dislocated his right elbow while making his first out of the inning attempt. Lieberthal was hit on the left elbow by a pitch in the first inning and was replaced in the fifth after he experienced some dizziness. He's expected to return to the lineup Tuesday or Wednesday.

Jon Lieber outpitched Jake Westbrook in a matchup of opening day starters, but Travis Hafner hit a three-run homer in the eighth for Cleveland.

In other spring training games:



Seattle's Randy Winn tries in vain to catch a homer by Arizona's Troy Glaus on Sunday.

Mets (ss) 10, Dodgers (ss) 9: At Port St. Lucie, Pedro Martinez pitched five innings and Eric Valenz hit a three-run homer in the ninth to win it. New York closer Brandon Loper blew his second save in three days.

Mets (ss) 5, Orioles 1: At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Andres Galarraga and Ramon Castaneda pitched five innings and Mike Ginter allowed one hit and an unearned run in four innings.

Twins 7, Tigers (ss) 5: At Fort Myers, Fla., Torii Hunter and Michael Cuddyer homered for Minnesota, but pitched nearly all its regulars and finished with 14 hits.

Blue Jays 4, Reds 1: At Dunedin, Fla., Josh Towers pitched five innings for Toronto, allowing one run and five hits.

Astros 6, Marlins 3: At Jupiter, Fla., Florida right-hander Ismael Valdez struggled when he tried to go an extra inning. Valdez allowed two runs over the first four innings before giving up four in the fifth. Brandon Backe gave up two runs and three hits in five innings to earn the win.

Nationals 9, Dodgers (ss) 3: At Vero Beach, Fla., Livan Hernandez threw six scoreless innings and Gary Bennett hit a grand slam in the eighth.

Pirates 5, Red Sox 3: At Bradenton, Fla., Oliver Perez, slowed earlier in camp by shoulder stiffness, lasted four innings in his second spring training start, then was told he would start Pittsburgh's April 4 opener against Milwaukee.

Tigers (ss) 8, Cardinals (ss) 4: At Lakeland, Fla., starting pitchers Chris Carpenter and Jason Johnson struggled. Rick Ankiel, the former pitcher who switched to the outfield earlier this spring, was 0-for-3 with two strikeouts as the Cardinals' DH. Carlos Guillen, the Tigers' All-Star shortstop, and second baseman Omar Infante both played defense for the first time this spring.

Mariners 7, Diamondbacks (ss) 7, tie: At Tucson, Ariz., Javier Vazquez retired the first 16 batters for Arizona and Greg Dobbs hit a grand slam for Seattle.

Brewers 9, Rangers 5: At Phoenix, Ben Sheets allowed three runs in three innings for Milwaukee during his third outing of the spring. Texas starter Ricardo Rodriguez boosted his bid for the No. 5 spot in the rotation by throwing five scoreless innings.

Padres 9, Cubs 5: At Peoria, Ariz., Brian Giles and Mark Loretta each hit three-run homers and Khalil Greene added a homer for San Diego. Nomar Garciaparra hit two home runs, but committed three of the Cubs four errors.

Padres (ss) 17, Diamondbacks (ss) 9: At Yuma, Ariz., Brett Bonvechio keyed a seven-run inning with a three-run homer for San Diego and second baseman Jesse Garcia went 4-for-6 with two singles, a double and a triple.

Athletics 17, Giants 3: At Phoenix, Barry Zito gave four innings and a run over six innings, and Eric Chavez and Bobby Kielty each hit three-run homers and Erubiel Durazo had a two-run shot off Jason Schmidt, who gave up 10 runs and nine hits in 3 1/3 innings.

Rockies 6, Royals 3: At Surprise, Ariz., Jeff Jennings pitched out six in five innings and Dustan Mohr and Brad Hawpe each homered in a four-run fifth for Colorado. Kansas City right-hander Mike Wood retired all 12 batters he faced and struck out four, including the side in the first inning.

Angels 4, White Sox 3: At Temple, Ariz., Casey Kotchman had an RBI double and Rob Quinlan hit a go-ahead two-run single for Los Angeles. Brandon McCarthy worked five innings and struck out four.

N.Y. in line for 20 Super Bowl – maybe

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The 2010 Super Bowl could be approved for New York during the NFL owners meetings this week.

Several team owners said Sunday they would look favorably on placing the championship game in New York for the first time. But it's still a bit of uncertainty because the city would need to have an indoor stadium.

Considering what a political football the project for Manhattan's West Side has become, construction of such a home for the Jets is very problematic.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue supports staging a Super Bowl in New York, and the NFL's Super Bowl committee unanimously agreed. The league will hold its third cold-weather Super Bowl next February in Detroit — in-

doors, of course. Never has New York had a bigger chance at snaring the host's role.

The Jets will make a presentation to all 32 owners either Monday or Tuesday for conditional approval of the 2010 Super Bowl in New York.

"The Jets submitted the resolution, contingent on the West Side stadium being built and ready for the 2010 Super Bowl," league spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Among the obstacles to getting approval could be the fact the team won't play in the stadium until the 2009 season. NFL rules require a stadium to have been in use for two years before it hosts a Super Bowl, something Houston complied with in 2004 and Detroit will have done for next year.

The Jets would not have done that until former mayor Rudolph Giuliani expressed his support for the stadium project over the weekend, the Jets are facing

strong opposition from community groups and the owners of Madison Square Garden, who also are bidding for the land on which the stadium would be built.

Without the stadium, New York also won't have a chance of hosting the 2012 Olympics.

The Jets have committed \$800 million for the stadium project, with the city and state required to raise the rest of what is planned to be a \$1.5 billion total. Critics say it will be substantially higher.

Also on the agenda this week will be an update to the owners by Tagliabue on the prime-time television contract that expires after the 2005 season. CBS and Fox have renewed their AFC and NFC contracts for a combined \$8 billion over six years. But ABC and ESPN are still struggling over the prime-time packages, and several other networks publicly have stated an interest in being involved if ABC/ESPN drop out.

Owners will also look at several player safety issues and discuss a possible alteration to pass interference penalties.

Tagliabue will broach the collective bargaining agreement negotiations in his State of the NFL speech. There have been some movement in talks with the NFL Players Association to extend the contract that expires in 2008. The key issue is expanding the pool for the salary cap — and thus the pool from which the players get their money — to include additional players from sources previously have kept for themselves.

An agreement in principle to expand the pool has been reached, but the main unresolved point is what percentage will go to the players.

"When it comes down to it, it's still about money," said Harold Henderson, the NFL's executive vice president for labor relations. "There's still quite a way to go on that."

Rep says Congress must set up testing

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former labor lawyer, Rep. Stephen Lynch knows his way around a union contract.

And after listening to 11 hours of testimony last week from baseball players and league officials, the Massachusetts Democrat said Congress — not Major League Baseball — is going to have to set up a stronger steroids testing program.

"Major League Baseball may try, but they will stumble again," Lynch said Monday. "We need to begin to put a task force together to formulate an anti-steroids policy."

He said he and several other members of the House Government Reform Committee will work on legislation calling for an independent oversight group to monitor drug testing. And he said he is considering introducing legislation that would give baseball players whistleblower protection, and even eventually went into private practice, conducting contract negotiations until about 1996.

An ironworker who followed his father into the profession, Lynch became the youngest president of the 2,000-member Ironworkers union in Boston. As he worked, he was also earning a law degree, and he eventually went into private practice, conducting contract negotiations until about 1996.

During last week's hearing, he grilled union lawyers and players about provisions in their contract dealing with steroid use. He and other lawmakers were critical of provisions that allowed players to pay a fine to avoid suspension if they were caught using illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

"I don't like the dynamics between employer and employees, and where the lines are drawn," Lynch said. "The fact that Major League Baseball said that it was all subject to collective bargaining and they couldn't do anything about it — that's completely bogus. They're using illegal drugs, you have every right to take action."

He said monitoring must be done by an independent third party, such as the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees drug testing for U.S. Olympic athletes. And he said he would encourage other members will start work on the task force plan when Congress returns from its two-week recess.

On Sunday baseball players and owners agreed to drop the possibility of fines for steroid use, settling for suspensions only for violators who are caught.

Novelty of No. 1 rank wears off for Singh

By DOUG FERGUSON

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Vijay Singh spent two years pursuing his goal of being No. 1 in the world, finally reaching the top thanks to hard work and 11 wins in 22 months on the PGA Tour.

Returning to the top the second time around wasn't nearly as meaningful.

As he walked off the 18th green in the Bay Hill Invitational, where the wrong club at the wrong time cost him a chance to win for the second straight week, Singh didn't even realize he had replaced Tiger Woods at No. 1.

"I didn't think I got it back, did I?" he said. "Well, big deal. I lost the tournament."

Even during his first reign that lasted 26 weeks, it didn't take Singh long to realize that No. 1 is just a number. More important are the trophies, especially green jackets and claret jugs.

He earned it the first time around by going head-to-head with Woods in the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship. Tied for the lead with five holes to play, Singh held him off and won by three, ending Woods' five-year run at the top.

"I've worked pretty hard for this," Singh said that day outside Boston. "I finally achieved what I wanted to do at the beginning of the year."

Singh returned to No. 1 in the world on Sunday under entirely different circumstances — he hit a 7-iron to end the work on the final hole at Bay Hill to make double bogey and finish two shots behind Kenny Perry.

No wonder Singh cared so little about a title that once meant so much.

"It's all about winning," Woods said. "I'm sure he [Singh] feels the same way. If you win a bunch of tournaments each year and every year, the rankings will follow."

The battle for No. 1 probably will continue the rest of the year, certainly for the next month.

Woods has been No. 1 longer than anyone — 336 weeks — since the world rankings began in 1986, and he can get it back this week in The Players Championship.

So can Ernie Els, who hasn't been No. 1 since 1998.

By the end of the year, Phil Mickel and Tiger Woods might have a chance to reach the pinnacle. Chances are, it will be more meaningful at that point to them than to Singh or Woods.

Spurs place Duncan on injured list

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan is expected to be out 2-4 weeks because of a sprained right ankle and could miss most of the rest of the regular season.

The San Antonio Spurs said Monday they placed the two-time MVP on the injured list following an MRI exam. He flew home to San Antonio on Sunday to begin treatment while the rest of the team went to New York for Monday night's game against the Knicks.

The Spurs activated forward center Sean Marks from the injured list to take Duncan's roster slot.

Duncan — the Spurs' leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker — crumpled to the floor in the opening minutes of a 110-101 loss to Detroit on Sunday after scoring inside and coming down on Rasheed Wallace's foot. After the landing, Duncan's ankle turned in a gruesome fashion.

The 7-footer missed two games earlier this month with a sprained right ankle.

San Antonio (50-16), the Western Conference leader, has 16 games over the next 30 days before the playoffs start. The Spurs clinched a playoff spot last week and are contending with Miami and Phoenix for home-court advantage throughout the postseason.

Duncan entered Sunday's game averaging 21.2 points, 11.5 rebounds and nearly five blocks in 62 games. Marks, a 7-foot New Zealander, has averaged three points and one rebound in seven games this season.



San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan twisted his ankle in the opening minutes of Sunday's game against the Detroit Pistons at Auburn Hills, Mich. The two-time NBA MVP is expected to miss 2-4 weeks.

NBA briefs

NBA sets Francis' suspension for kick at three games

NEW YORK — Orlando Magic guard Steve Francis will be suspended for three games for kicking a court-side photographer last week.

The NBA at first suspended Francis indefinitely after he kicked a photographer in the fourth quarter of the Magic's loss in Seattle on March 18. After an investigation, the league settled on the three-game suspension Monday.

Francis began his suspension at Portland on Saturday and will sit out Orlando's next two games, both against the Charlotte Bobcats.

Availability of Sonics' Allen will be game-time decision

SEATTLE — Guard Ray Allen's sprained right ankle forced him to miss practice Monday, and the SuperSonics say his return will be a game-time decision before Seattle plays at home Tuesday night against Milwaukee.

Allen, averaging 23.9 points, was hurt in the first quarter Sunday night in Los Angeles. He had six points, three assists and a rebound, but left Seattle's 102-100 victory late in the first period.

Danny Fortson, with a sprained left ankle, and center Jerome James, who has a bruised right quadriceps, didn't travel for the Lakers game and also will be game-time decisions for the Milwaukee matchup.

The Sonics already are without forward Vladimir Radmanovic, out four to six weeks with a stress fracture in his right leg.

Ex-NFL wide receiver Carruth denied new trial

By TIM WHITMIRE

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Former Carolina Panthers player Rae Carruth was denied a request for a new trial in the 1999 shooting death of his pregnant girlfriend.

Judge Charles C. Lamm Jr. on Monday rejected defense arguments that a 911 call made by Cherica Adams moments after her shooting should not have been allowed into evidence during Carruth's 2001 trial.

Lamm's six-page ruling concluded that the tape of the call

was properly introduced and did not violate Carruth's constitutional right to be able to confront his accuser.

The former wide receiver is serving a sentence of at least 18 years and 11 months at Nash Correctional Institution, about 55 miles from Raleigh.

Adams was eight months pregnant with Carruth's baby when she was gunned down in a drive-by shooting on Nov. 16, 1999, in Charlotte.

Doctors saved her son, Chancellor, in an emergency Caesarean. Adams, shot four times, died a

month later. As she lay wounded in her car, Adams called 911 for help and implicated Carruth in the shooting.

Carruth was arrested and charged with hiring shooter Van Brett Watkins and another man, Michael Eugene Kennedy, to get rid of Adams because he did not want to pay child support for the baby she was carrying.

In January 2001, a jury found Carruth guilty of conspiring to murder Adams, shooting into her occupied vehicle and attempting to kill her unborn child. They acquitted him of a charge of first-de-

gree murder that could have led to a death sentence.

In their appeal March 11, Carruth's lawyers argued that the questions a 911 operator asked Adams served to gather information for police and prosecutors and should not have been allowed into evidence because it was not possible to cross-examine Adams about her responses. Lamm, who presided over Carruth's trial, disagreed in Monday's ruling.

The state appeals court denied Carruth a new trial in 2003 and the state Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court have refused to hear his case.

Sorenstam goes to playoff to win fourth straight

The Associated Press

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — Annika Sorenstam won her fourth straight LPGA Tour start, making up four strokes in the last three holes and then beating Lorena Ochoa on the first hole of a playoff in the Safeway Invitational on Sunday.

Sorenstam's victory — the 58th of her LPGA Tour career — was her second in as many events this year and sixth in her last eight

tournaments. Sorenstam finished with a 2-under-par 70 to match Ochoa (74) at 11-under 277.

Sorenstam, the four-time LPGA player of the year and scoring record-setter, won her season debut in Mexico City two weeks ago, dashing the 23-year-old Ochoa's dream of a victory in her native land.

Sorenstam, the defending champion, was 18 under last year. This year's \$210,000 first prize boosted her to \$390,000 on the money list and sent her LPGA-record career total past \$16 million.

Johnson wins Toshiba Senior
NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Former California amateur star Mark Johnson won in just his 14th start on the Champions Tour, shooting a 1-under 70 for a

four-stroke victory in the Toshiba Senior Classic.

The 50-year-old Johnson, the qualifying tournament winner known as the "Beer Man" because he drove a Budweiser truck for 18 years before turning pro, hit a 13-under 200 total on the Newport Beach Country Club course.

Keith Fergus (71) and Wayne Levi (70) tied for second at 9 under.

Golf roundup

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct	G
xx-Miami	32	48	80
xx-Y Detroit	38	46	80
xx-Orlando	39	46	80
xx-Washington	36	50	84
xx-Charlotte	38	50	84
xx-Chicago	31	51	17
xx-Atlanta	32	52	87
xx-Orlando	32	48	89

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	G
Philadelphia	32	48	89
New York	31	48	209
New Jersey	37	47	221
xx-New York	37	47	221
xx-Minnesota	38	42	229
xx-Chicago	32	48	38
xx-Portland	31	49	89
xx-Charlotte	31	49	89

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	G
xx-San Antonio	50	78	9
xx-Denver	42	62	9
xx-Seattle	45	62	9
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Cavaliers fire coach Silas

Cleveland appoints assistant Malone interim coach

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Paul Silas was named as the Cleveland Cavaliers' interim coach Monday, his team fighting for a playoff spot after leading its division earlier this year. Longtime NBA assistant Brendan Malone was appointed interim coach.

Silas told The Associated Press he was informed during a morning meeting with general manager Jim Paxson and owner Dan Gilbert.

Silas, son, assistant Stephen Silas, also was fired.

"They didn't think the team was performing as well as it should be," Silas said.

Malone's first game as the Cavaliers' coach will be Tuesday night at home against Detroit.

Despite superstar LeBron James, fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas and a veteran bench, the Cavaliers have struggled

since the All-Star break. They have lost nine of 12 games in the last straight road games, including Sunday's 85-98 loss to Toronto, to when James

scored a franchise-record 56.

"We believe in our players, and that progress just wasn't being made," Paxson said during a news conference Monday. "We have 18 games left in this season. We're right now, and we feel that if we didn't make this decision that we were jeopardizing our ability to be a playoff team this year."

The Cavaliers entered the All-Star break at 30-27, well into a slide, the decline marked by personnel issues.

The trouble may have culminated

ed Sunday when Silas benched starting guard Jeff McInnis and replaced him with Eric Snow. Snow did not score in Cleveland's loss at Toronto and McInnis, despite being dressed and available, didn't play.

Earlier this season, Silas threw Snow off the bench after the two exchanged words during the first quarter of Detroit. A move that stunned the team because of Snow's reputation as a leader.

Last week, Silas was fined \$10,000 by the team for a derogatory comment he made about Utah forward Carlos Boozer.

Silas made the remark to reporters a day before Boozer was to return to Cleveland after leaving the Cavaliers as a free agent last summer. Boozer didn't travel with the Jazz because of a foot injury. Silas later apologized.

The 61-year-old Silas joined Cleveland in June 2003 after being fired by the New Orleans Hornets, having led them to the playoffs four straight times.

Fill-in Murray lifts Sonics over Lakers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ronald "Flip" Murray's playing time is usually limited since he plays behind Seattle All-Star Ray Allen.

Murray got an opportunity Sunday night when Allen sprained his right ankle, and there was no discernible drop-off in performance.

Murray scored a season-high 25 points in 35 minutes, Rashard Lewis had 27 points and 11 rebounds, and the short-handed Sonics held off the slumping Los Angeles Lakers 102-100.

"I just had to wait my turn. My time eventually comes," Murray said. "If it's meant to be, it's meant to be. That's the thing about the NBA — you have to be patient."

"There wasn't anything spectacular I was trying to do. It feels good to get in there and see that whenever you get a chance to go out there, even for 5 minutes a game, it's always special."

Murray ended averaging 5.6 points and 14.7 minutes per game.

"Everybody knows Flip can play," Lewis said. "We've got Ray Allen as a guard. That's what's holding him back."

Allen, averaging 23.9 points, had six points, three assists and one rebound when he came out for good with 2:12 remaining in the opening quarter. There was no immediate word as to the severity of his injury, and Allen wasn't available after the game. X-rays were negative.

"When we came into the locker room, he was here to greet us," teammate Antonio Daniels said. "I asked him how he was doing. He said, 'All right.'"

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers

Roundup

with 30 points, scoring 16 in the final 8½ minutes. Caron Butler added 29 points and Chucky Atkins had 12.

The loss was the fifth straight for the Lakers — their longest losing streak since they finished the 1993-94 season with 10 straight losses.

That was the last time the Lakers (32-34) failed to qualify for the playoffs, and they're in danger of falling short this season, trailing the Denver Nuggets by 3½ games in the battle for the eighth and final Western Conference berth.

Pistons 110, Spurs 101: At Auburn Hills, Mike, Chauncey Billups scored 25 points, including five straight late after the Spurs pulled within 2, to lead Detroit to its 12th straight home win.

Tayshaun Price scored 22, Rasheed Wallace had 15 and Richard Hamilton, limited by a sprained left ankle, added 11 points.

The Western Conference-leading Spurs, who won the 2003 NBA title, had won three consecutive games and eight of 10.

Suns 97, Grizzlies 91: At Auburn Hills, Mike, Chauncey Billups scored 25 points, including five straight late after the Spurs pulled within 2, to lead Detroit to its 12th straight home win.

Steve Nash had 13 points and 13 assists for the Suns and Shawn Marion had 14 points and 16 rebounds.

The Grizzlies' Pau Gasol, the team's leading scorer, played 12



Seattle SuperSonics' Antonio Daniels (33) drives to the basket during the first half Sunday in Los Angeles. Seattle won 102-100.

minutes on his return after missing 23 games because of an injured foot. He had four points and one rebound.

Nuggets 114, Bucks 103: At Denver, Andre Miller had 22 points and eight assists and the Nuggets made more than half their shots for the third straight game and won for the 11th time in 12 games.

Kenyon Martin finished with 19 points for Denver. Earl Boykins had 10 points and eight assists and Carmelo Antonio scored 15 points.

Warriors 104, Kings 94: At Sacramento, the Warriors scored 29 points and had 14 rebounds and Golden State won its third straight.

Timberwolves 94, Rockets 86: At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett scored 29 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter when the Nets pulled away for a season-best fourth straight victory.

Nets 94, Pacers 85: At Indianapolis, Vince Carter scored 39 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter when the Nets pulled away for a season-best fourth straight victory.

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A fine first weekend

Underdogs bring typical excitement to NCAA tournament

And so, after four bleary-eyed days and nights locked in inert stupor in front of the TV, the area below our waist having permanently melded with the recliner, we pause long enough to attempt to arise, however unsteadily, and shake free from the detritus of cellophane wrappers, crumpled soda cans and crumbs of foodstuffs utterly lacking in nutritional value, all the litter and leftover that has piled up during the first week of the Fine Madness.

The pause is welcome, for even the most rabid hoop-head needs the occasional oil change and lube job.

Bill Lyon



Besides, the Fine Madness will return in a few days. Not a long enough delay for withdrawal pangs to set in.

Sixteen left now. Just 16. The other 49 thrown out with the trash, unceremoniously, without sympathy. They know how it works everyone gets one chance, and only one. No exception. No exemption.

"The finality of it," said Oklahoma coach, Kelvin Sampson, sighing. "You have to play good, or else... the finality of it."

His team was a No. 3 seed. It didn't play good enough. The consequence was the ultimate finality. The Sooners were dismissed by Utah. The Sooners have lots of marquee company on the ride back home.

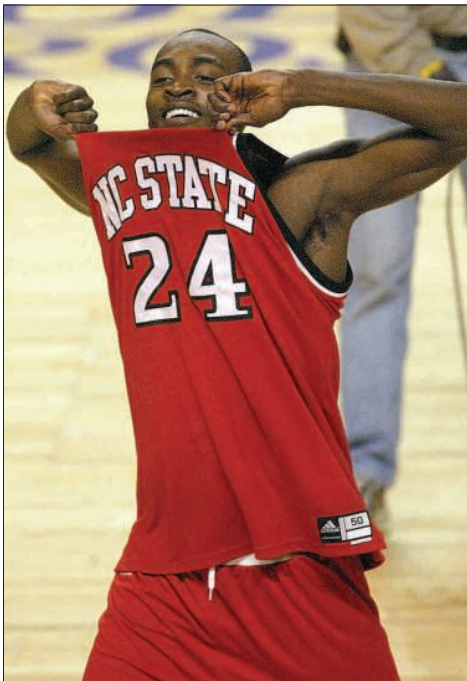
Two No. 2 seeds were bounced — Wake Forest and UConn. Three No. 3 seeds didn't make it through the first week — Gonzaga and Kansas joining Oklahoma. And three No. 4 seeds never got to the next level — Syracuse, Boston College and Florida.

Quite an impressive body count. Of the top 16 seeds, half were eliminated. At first blush, it seems more than the usual quota.

But then it always seems that way, doesn't it? Because every spring, without fail, early rocks are thrown into the office pool, and the ripples of consequence spread far and wide. Your early-round picks should always include an underdog or three; the trick, of course, is picking the right one.

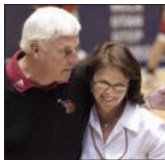
Upsets are the appealing staple of the Fine Madness. That, after all, is the enduring charm of it, that the only certainty is the uncertainty. This is the one event in which it is guaranteed that some of the Big Boys are going to come crashing down, and sooner rather than later. No Sweet 16 has ever included all four No. 1 through No. 4 seeds. Never. And won't ever, either.

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N.C. State's Julius Hodge converted a three-point play with 4.3 seconds remaining to lift the Wolfpack to a 65-62 victory over defending national champion Connecticut on Sunday.



Texas Tech coach Bob Knight, left, had his wife Karen brought down from the stands to the court after his team upset Gonzaga in the second round so he could publicly recognize her for her contributions to the team.



Rob Thomas (2) and the Bucknell Bison fell to Wisconsin in the second round Sunday night after upsetting Kansas in the first round Friday night. Bucknell became the first team from the Patriot League to win a game in the NCAA tournament.

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